

Level Recommendations

It is recommended that LAMDA awards submitted should be aligned with the NFQ as tabled below.

| Title of qualification | Qualification Reference Number | Guided Learning Hours* | Credit Weighting | UK Qualification Type (where applicable) | England, Wales and Northern Ireland Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) | Irish National Framework of Qualifications Level (NFQ) |
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| LAMDA Entry Level Award in Communication (QCF) Speaking Verse and Prose Entry3 | 500/9226/1 | 20 | 4 | Award | QCF Entry Level 3 | NFQ Level 2 |
| LAMDA Entry Level Award in Performance (QCF) Acting Entry3 | 500/9225/X | 20 | 4 | Award | QCF Entry Level 3 | NFQ Level 2 |
| LAMDA Entry Level Award in Musical Theatre (QCF) Solo/Duo Entry3 | 501/0258/8 | 20 | 4 | Award | QCF Entry Level 3 | NFQ Level 2 |
| LAMDA Entry Level Award in Communication (QCF) Reading For Performance Entry3 | 500/9226/1 | 20 | 4 | Award | QCF Entry Level 3 | NFQ Level 2 |
| LAMDA Entry Level Award in Performance (QCF) Devising Drama Entry3 | 500/9225/X | 20 | 4 | Award | QCF Entry Level 3 | NFQ Level 2 |

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| LAMDA Entry Level Award in Communication (QCF) Using Spoken English Entry3 | 500/9226/1 | 20 | 4 | Award | QCF Entry Level 3 | NFQ Level 2 |
| LAMDA Entry Level Award in Performance (QCF) Miming Entry3 | 500/9225/X | 20 | 4 | Award | QCF Entry Level 3 | NFQ Level 2 |
| LAMDA Level 1 Award in Communication (QCF) Speaking Verse and Prose Grade 1 | 500/5865/4 | Grade 1 =20 GLH, Grade 2 =25 GLH and Grade 3= 30 GLH | Grade 1 = 6 credits, Grade 2= 7 credits and Grade 3 =8 Credits | Award | QCF Level 1 | NFQ Level 3 |
| LAMDA Level 1 Award in Communication (QCF) Speaking Verse and Prose Grade 2 | 500/5865/4 | Grade 1 =20 GLH, Grade 2 =25 GLH and Grade 3= 30 GLH | Grade 1 = 6 credits, Grade 2= 7 credits and Grade 3 =8 Credits | Award | QCF Level 1 | NFQ Level 3 |
| LAMDA Level 1 Award in Communication (QCF) Speaking Verse and Prose Grade 3 | 500/5865/4 | Grade 1 =20 GLH, Grade 2 =25 GLH and Grade 3= 30 GLH | Grade 1 = 6 credits, Grade 2= 7 credits and Grade 3 =8 Credits | Award | QCF Level 1 | NFQ Level 3 |
| LAMDA Level 1 Award in Performance | 500/5863/0 | Grade 1 =20 GLH, | Grade 1 = 6 credits, Grade 2= | Award | QCF Level 1 | NFQ Level 3 |

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| (QCF) Acting Grade 1 | | Grade 2 =25 GLH and Grade 3= 30 GLH | 7 credits and Grade 3 =8 Credits | | | |
| LAMDA Level 1 Award in Performance (QCF) Acting Grade 2 | 500/5863/0 | Grade 1 =20 GLH, Grade 2 =25 GLH and Grade 3= 30 GLH | Grade 1 = 6 credits, Grade 2= 7 credits and Grade 3 =8 Credits | Award | QCF Level 1 | NFQ Level 3 |
| LAMDA Level 1 Award in Performance (QCF) Acting Grade 3 | 500/5863/0 | Grade 1 =20 GLH, Grade 2 =25 GLH and Grade 3= 30 GLH | Grade 1 = 6 credits, Grade 2= 7 credits and Grade 3 =8 Credits | Award | QCF Level 1 | NFQ Level 3 |
| LAMDA Level 1 Award in Musical Theatre (QCF) Solo/Duo Grade 1 | 501/0259/X | Grade 1 =20 GLH, Grade 2 =25 GLH and Grade 3= 30 GLH | Grade 1 = 6 credits, Grade 2= 7 credits and Grade 3 =8 Credits | Award | QCF Level 1 | NFQ Level 3 |
| LAMDA Level 1 Award in Musical Theatre (QCF) Solo/Duo Grade 2 | 501/0259/X | Grade 1 =20 GLH, Grade 2 =25 GLH and Grade 3= 30 | Grade 1 = 6 credits, Grade 2= 7 credits and Grade 3 =8 Credits | Award | QCF Level 1 | NFQ Level 3 |

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| LAMDA Level 1 Award in Musical Theatre (QCF) Solo/Duo Grade 3 | 501/0259/X | Grade 1 =20 GLH, Grade 2 =25 GLH and Grade 3= 30 GLH | Grade 1 = 6 credits, Grade 2= 7 credits and Grade 3 =8 Credits | Award | QCF Level 1 | NFQ Level 3 |
| LAMDA Level 1 Award in Communication (QCF) Reading For Performance Grade 1 | 500/5865/4 | Grade 1 =20 GLH, Grade 2 =25 GLH and Grade 3= 30 GLH | Grade 1 = 6 credits, Grade 2= 7 credits and Grade 3 =8 Credits | Award | QCF Level 1 | NFQ Level 3 |
| LAMDA Level 1 Award in Communication (QCF) Reading For Performance Grade 2 | 500/5865/4 | Grade 1 =20 GLH, Grade 2 =25 GLH and Grade 3= 30 GLH | Grade 1 = 6 credits, Grade 2= 7 credits and Grade 3 =8 Credits | Award | QCF Level 1 | NFQ Level 3 |
| LAMDA Level 1 Award in Communication (QCF) Reading For Performance Grade 3 | 500/5865/4 | Grade 1 =20 GLH, Grade 2 =25 GLH and Grade 3= 30 GLH | Grade 1 = 6 credits, Grade 2= 7 credits and Grade 3 =8 Credits | Award | QCF Level 1 | NFQ Level 3 |
| LAMDA Level 1 Award in Performance Devising Drama Grade 1 | 500/5863/0 | Grade 1 =20 GLH, Grade 2 =25 | Grade 1 = 6 credits, Grade 2= 7 credits and | Award | QCF Level 1 | NFQ Level 3 |

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| | | GLH and Grade 3= 30 GLH | Grade 3 =8 Credits | | | |
| LAMDA Level 1 Award in Performance Devising Drama Grade 2 | 500/5863/0 | Grade 1 =20 GLH, Grade 2 =25 GLH and Grade 3= 30 GLH | Grade 1 = 6 credits, Grade 2= 7 credits and Grade 3 =8 Credits | Award | QCF Level 1 | NFQ Level 3 |
| LAMDA Level 1 Award in Performance Devising Drama Grade 3 | 500/5863/0 | Grade 1 =20 GLH, Grade 2 =25 GLH and Grade 3= 30 GLH | Grade 1 = 6 credits, Grade 2= 7 credits and Grade 3 =8 Credits | Award | QCF Level 1 | NFQ Level 3 |
| LAMDA Level 1 Award in Communication (QCF) Using Spoken English Grade 1 | 500/5865/4 | Grade 1 =20 GLH, Grade 2 =25 GLH and Grade 3= 30 GLH | Grade 1 = 6 credits, Grade 2= 7 credits and Grade 3 =8 Credits | Award | QCF Level 1 | NFQ Level 3 |
| LAMDA Level 1 Award in Communication (QCF) Using Spoken English Grade 2 | 500/5865/4 | Grade 1 =20 GLH, Grade 2 =25 GLH and Grade 3= 30 GLH | Grade 1 = 6 credits, Grade 2= 7 credits and Grade 3 =8 Credits | Award | QCF Level 1 | NFQ Level 3 |

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| LAMDA Level 1 Award in Communication (QCF) Using Spoken English Grade 3 | 500/5865/4 | Grade 1 =20 GLH, Grade 2 =25 GLH and Grade 3= 30 GLH | Grade 1 = 6 credits, Grade 2= 7 credits and Grade 3 =8 Credits | Award | QCF Level 1 | NFQ Level 3 |
| LAMDA Level 1 Award in Performance(QCF) Miming Grade 1 | 500/5863/0 | Grade 1 =20 GLH, Grade 2 =25 GLH and Grade 3= 30 GLH | Grade 1 = 6 credits, Grade 2= 7 credits and Grade 3 =8 Credits | Award | QCF Level 1 | NFQ Level 3 |
| LAMDA Level 1 Award in Performance(QCF) Miming Grade 2 | 500/5863/0 | Grade 1 =20 GLH, Grade 2 =25 GLH and Grade 3= 30 GLH | Grade 1 = 6 credits, Grade 2= 7 credits and Grade 3 =8 Credits | Award | QCF Level 1 | NFQ Level 3 |
| LAMDA Level 1 Award in Performance (QCF) Miming Grade 3 | 500/5863/0 | Grade 1 =20 GLH, Grade 2 =25 GLH and Grade 3= 30 GLH | Grade 1 = 6 credits, Grade 2= 7 credits and Grade 3 =8 Credits | Award | QCF Level 1 | NFQ Level 3 |
| LAMDA Level 2 Award in Communication (QCF) Speaking Verse and Prose | 500/5867/8 | Grade 4 =40 GLH and Grade 5= 50 | Grade 4 =10 Credits Grade 5 =12 Credits | Award | QCF Level 2 | NFQ Level 4 |

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| Grade 4 | | GLH | | | | |
| LAMDA Level 2 Award in Communication (QCF) Speaking Verse and Prose Grade 5 | 500/5867/8 | Grade 4 =40 GLH and Grade 5= 50 GLH | Grade 4 =10 Credits Grade 5 =12 Credits | Award | QCF Level 2 | NFQ Level 4 |
| LAMDA Level 2 Award in Performance (QCF) Acting Grade 4 | 500/5864/2 | Grade 4 =40 GLH and Grade 5= 50 GLH | Grade 4 =10 Credits Grade 5 =12 Credits | Award | QCF Level 2 | NFQ Level 4 |
| LAMDA Level 2 Award in Performance (QCF) Acting Grade 5 | 500/5864/2 | Grade 4 =40 GLH and Grade 5= 50 GLH | Grade 4 =10 Credits Grade 5 =12 Credits | Award | QCF Level 2 | NFQ Level 4 |
| LAMDA Level 2 Award in Musical Theatre (QCF) Solo/Duo Grade 4 | 501/0260/6 | Grade 4 =40 GLH and Grade 5= 50 GLH | Grade 4 =10 Credits Grade 5 =12 Credits | Award | QCF Level 2 | NFQ Level 4 |
| LAMDA Level 2 Award in Musical Theatre (QCF) Solo/Duo Grade 5 | 501/0260/6 | Grade 4 =40 GLH and Grade 5= 50 GLH | Grade 4 =10 Credits Grade 5 =12 Credits | Award | QCF Level 2 | NFQ Level 4 |
| LAMDA Level 2 Award in Communication (QCF) Reading For Performance Grade 4 | 500/5867/8 | Grade 4 =40 GLH and Grade 5= 50 GLH | Grade 4 =10 Credits Grade 5 =12 Credits | Award | QCF Level 2 | NFQ Level 4 |

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| LAMDA Level 2 Award in Communication (QCF) Reading For Performance Grade 5 | 500/5867/8 | Grade 4 =40 GLH and Grade 5= 50 GLH | Grade 4 =10 Credits Grade 5 =12 Credits | Award | QCF Level 2 | NFQ Level 4 |
| LAMDA Level 2 Award in Performance (QCF) Devising Drama Grade 4 | 500/5864/2 | Grade 4 =40 GLH and Grade 5= 50 GLH | Grade 4 =10 Credits Grade 5 =12 Credits | Award | QCF Level 2 | NFQ Level 4 |
| LAMDA Level 2 Award in Performance (QCF) Devising Drama Grade 5 | 500/5864/2 | Grade 4 =40 GLH and Grade 5= 50 GLH | Grade 4 =10 Credits Grade 5 =12 Credits | Award | QCF Level 2 | NFQ Level 4 |
| LAMDA Level 2 Award in Communication (QCF) Using Spoken English Grade 4 | 500/5867/8 | Grade 4 =40 GLH and Grade 5= 50 GLH | Grade 4 =10 Credits Grade 5 =12 Credits | Award | QCF Level 2 | NFQ Level 4 |
| LAMDA Level 2 Award in Communication (QCF) Using Spoken English Grade 5 | 500/5867/8 | Grade 4 =40 GLH and Grade 5= 50 GLH | Grade 4 =10 Credits Grade 5 =12 Credits | Award | QCF Level 2 | NFQ Level 4 |
| LAMDA Level 2 Award in Performance (QCF) Miming Grade 4 | 500/5864/2 | Grade 4 =40 GLH and Grade 5= 50 GLH | Grade 4 =10 Credits Grade 5 =12 Credits | Award | QCF Level 2 | NFQ Level 4 |

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| LAMDA Level 2 Award in Performance (QCF) Miming Grade 5 | 500/5864/2 | Grade 4 =40 GLH and Grade 5= 50 GLH | Grade 4 =10 Credits Grade 5 =12 Credits | Award | QCF Level 2 | NFQ Level 4 |
| LAMDA Level 3 Certificate in Communication (QCF) Speaking Verse and Prose Grade 6 | 500/5868/X | Grade 6 =60 GLH, Grade 7 =80 GLH and Grade 8 =90 GLH | Grade 6 =14 Credits, Grade 7 =18 Credits and Grade 8 =24 credits | Certificate | QCF Level 3 | NFQ Level 5 |
| LAMDA Level 3 Certificate in Communication (QCF) Speaking Verse and Prose Grade 7 | 500/5868/X | Grade 6 =60 GLH, Grade 7 =80 GLH and Grade 8 =90 GLH | Grade 6 =14 Credits, Grade 7 =18 Credits and Grade 8 =24 credits | Certificate | QCF Level 3 | NFQ Level 5 |
| LAMDA Level 3 Certificate in Communication (QCF) Speaking Verse and Prose Grade 8 | 500/5868/X | Grade 6 =60 GLH, Grade 7 =80 GLH and Grade 8 =90 GLH | Grade 6 =14 Credits, Grade 7 =18 Credits and Grade 8 =24 credits | Certificate | QCF Level 3 | NFQ Level 5 |
| LAMDA Level 3 Certificate in Performance (QCF) Acting Grade 6 | 500/5866/6 | Grade 6 =60 GLH, Grade 7 =80 GLH and Grade 8 =90 | Grade 6 =14 Credits, Grade 7 =18 Credits and Grade 8 =24 | Certificate | QCF Level 3 | NFQ Level 5 |

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| LAMDA Level 3 Certificate in Performance (QCF) Acting Grade 7 | 500/5866/6 | Grade 6 =60 GLH, Grade 7 =80 GLH and Grade 8 =90 GLH | Grade 6 =14 Credits, Grade 7 =18 Credits and Grade 8 =24 credits | Certificate | QCF Level 3 | NFQ Level 5 |
| LAMDA Level 3 Certificate in Performance (QCF) Acting Grade 8 | 500/5866/6 | Grade 6 =60 GLH, Grade 7 =80 GLH and Grade 8 =90 GLH | Grade 6 =14 Credits, Grade 7 =18 Credits and Grade 8 =24 credits | Certificate | QCF Level 3 | NFQ Level 5 |
| LAMDA Level 3 Certificate in Musical Theatre (QCF) Solo/Duo Grade 6 | 501/0479/2 | Grade 6 =60 GLH, Grade 7 =80 GLH and Grade 8 =90 GLH | Grade 6 =14 Credits, Grade 7 =18 Credits and Grade 8 =24 credits | Certificate | QCF Level 3 | NFQ Level 5 |
| LAMDA Level 3 Certificate in Musical Theatre (QCF) Solo/Duo Grade 7 | 501/0479/2 | Grade 6 =60 GLH, Grade 7 =80 GLH and Grade 8 =90 GLH | Grade 6 =14 Credits, Grade 7 =18 Credits and Grade 8 =24 credits | Certificate | QCF Level 3 | NFQ Level 5 |
| LAMDA Level 3 Certificate in Musical Theatre (QCF) Solo/Duo | 501/0479/2 | Grade 6 =60 GLH, Grade 7 =80 | Grade 6 =14 Credits, Grade 7 =18 | Certificate | QCF Level 3 | NFQ Level 5 |

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| Grade 8 | | GLH and Grade 8 =90 GLH | Credits and Grade 8 =24 credits | | | |
| LAMDA Level 3 Certificate in Communication (QCF) Reading for Performance Grade 6 | 500/5868/X | Grade 6 =60 GLH, Grade 7 =80 GLH and Grade 8 =90 GLH | Grade 6 =14 Credits, Grade 7 =18 Credits and Grade 8 =24 credits | Certificate | QCF Level 3 | NFQ Level 5 |
| LAMDA Level 3 Certificate in Communication (QCF) Reading for Performance Grade 7 | 500/5868/X | Grade 6 =60 GLH, Grade 7 =80 GLH and Grade 8 =90 GLH | Grade 6 =14 Credits, Grade 7 =18 Credits and Grade 8 =24 credits | Certificate | QCF Level 3 | NFQ Level 5 |
| LAMDA Level 3 Certificate in Communication (QCF) Reading for Performance Grade 8 | 500/5868/X | Grade 6 =60 GLH, Grade 7 =80 GLH and Grade 8 =90 GLH | Grade 6 =14 Credits, Grade 7 =18 Credits and Grade 8 =24 credits | Certificate | QCF Level 3 | NFQ Level 5 |
| LAMDA Level 3 Certificate in Performance (QCF) Devising Drama Grade 6 | 500/5866/6 | Grade 6 =60 GLH, Grade 7 =80 GLH and Grade 8 =90 GLH | Grade 6 =14 Credits, Grade 7 =18 Credits and Grade 8 =24 credits | Certificate | QCF Level 3 | NFQ Level 5 |

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| LAMDA Level 3 Certificate in Performance (QCF) Devising Drama Grade 7 | 500/5866/6 | Grade 6 =60 GLH, Grade 7 =80 GLH and Grade 8 =90 GLH | Grade 6 =14 Credits, Grade 7 =18 Credits and Grade 8 =24 credits | Certificate | QCF Level 3 | NFQ Level 5 |
| LAMDA Level 3 Certificate in Performance (QCF) Devising Drama Grade 8 | 500/5866/6 | Grade 6 =60 GLH, Grade 7 =80 GLH and Grade 8 =90 GLH | Grade 6 =14 Credits, Grade 7 =18 Credits and Grade 8 =24 credits | Certificate | QCF Level 3 | NFQ Level 5 |
| LAMDA Level 3 Certificate in Communication (QCF) Speaking in Public Grade 6 | 500/5868/X | Grade 6 =60 GLH, Grade 7 =80 GLH and Grade 8 =90 GLH | Grade 6 =14 Credits, Grade 7 =18 Credits and Grade 8 =24 credits | Certificate | QCF Level 3 | NFQ Level 5 |
| LAMDA Level 3 Certificate in Communication (QCF) Speaking in Public Grade 7 | 500/5868/X | Grade 6 =60 GLH, Grade 7 =80 GLH and Grade 8 =90 GLH | Grade 6 =14 Credits, Grade 7 =18 Credits and Grade 8 =24 credits | Certificate | QCF Level 3 | NFQ Level 5 |
| LAMDA Level 3 Certificate in Communication (QCF) Speaking in Public Grade 8 | 500/5868/X | Grade 6 =60 GLH, Grade 7 =80 GLH | Grade 6 =14 Credits, Grade 7 =18 Credits | Certificate | QCF Level 3 | NFQ Level 5 |

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| | | and Grade 8 =90 GLH | and Grade 8 =24 credits | | | |
| LAMDA Level 3 Certificate in Performance (QCF) Miming Grade 6 | 500/5866/6 | Grade 6 =60 GLH, Grade 7 =80 GLH and Grade 8 =90 GLH | Grade 6 =14 Credits, Grade 7 =18 Credits and Grade 8 =24 credits | Certificate | QCF Level 3 | NFQ Level 5 |
| LAMDA Level 3 Certificate in Performance (QCF) Miming Grade 7 | 500/5866/6 | Grade 6 =60 GLH, Grade 7 =80 GLH and Grade 8 =90 GLH | Grade 6 =14 Credits, Grade 7 =18 Credits and Grade 8 =24 credits | Certificate | QCF Level 3 | NFQ Level 5 |
| LAMDA Level 3 Certificate in Performance (QCF) Miming Grade 8 | 500/5866/6 | Grade 6 =60 GLH, Grade 7 =80 GLH and Grade 8 =90 GLH | Grade 6 =14 Credits, Grade 7 =18 Credits and Grade 8 =24 credits | Certificate | QCF Level 3 | NFQ Level 5 |
| LAMDA Level 3 Certificate in Speech and Drama: Performance Studies (QCF) Comprises 3 mandatory units | 500/9906/1 | 120 | 28 | Certificate | QCF Level 3 | NFQ Level 5 |
| LAMDA Level 5 Diploma in Communication, | 501/0626/0 | 180 | 38 | Diploma | QCF Level 5 | NFQ Level 6 |

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| Speech and Drama Education (QCF) | | | | | | |
| Comprises 3 mandatory units | | | | | | |

*This report provides detail on the GLH/Credit relevant to each grade that sits within the level of the overriding qualification. All such detail can be found within the [Register of Regulated Qualifications](#). When the qualifications are viewed on the Register, please scroll down to the LINKED UNIT sections which are separated by pathways (single unit qualifications) i.e. for Level 1 Award in Performance, the pathways include Devising Drama, Acting and Miming.

4. Additional Information

(a) England, Wales & Northern Ireland Vocational Education and Training Award Frameworks

The Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) is a new way of recognising skills and qualifications in England, Wales & Northern Ireland. Introduced in Autumn 2008, the QCF was implemented gradually and co-exists with the pre-existing qualifications system, as arranged through the National Qualifications Framework (NQF).

The QCF is a unit-based framework. Units are the building blocks of all qualifications and all units within the QCF are developed within a standard format. This format is based on the following design features:

- unit title
- learning outcomes
- assessment criteria
- level
- credit

Every unit and qualification in the framework has a credit value (one credit represents 10 hours, showing how much time it takes to complete) and a level between entry level and level 8 (showing how difficult it is). There are three sizes of qualifications in the QCF:

- Awards (1 to 12 credits)