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# Automotive Learners Report

Analysis of those undertaking automotive qualifications  
2021 Q1



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## Introduction

The aim of this report is to analyse the numbers undertaking automotive qualifications in the UK. The report takes data released by the 4 nation's regulatory bodies:

- OfQual - The Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation [England]
- SQA - The Scottish Qualifications Authority [Scotland]
- QiW – Qualifications Wales [Wales]
- CCEA - The Council for Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment [Northern Ireland]

These datasets hold data on the number of certifications awarded for each qualification. This data is released on a quarterly basis with the most recent being 2021 Q1 (January – March 2021).

With regards to qualification level, the analysis uses England & Wales's qualification levels and Scottish levels have been mapped to match these.

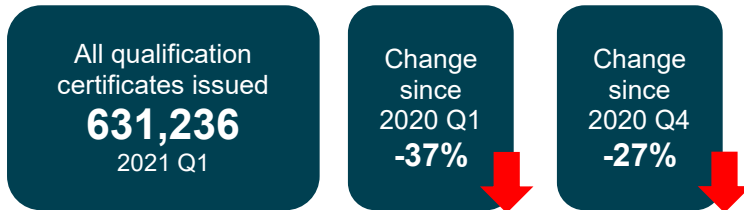
*\*\*\*\* NOTE\*\*\*\* CCEA have delayed issuing this quarter's results and are therefore not included in this update. CEA have stated that they will release results in July at which point we will issue an updated report. Northern Ireland proportion is roughly 2% of all automotive qualifications, caution should be taken when comparing all 4 nations as the proportion is unlikely to have a significant impact.*

## Summary of findings

- Overall, all vocational qualifications have fallen more than a third when comparing to the same period in 2020.
- The total number of automotive certificates issued in 2021 Q1 was 5,784, this is 45% lower compared to 2020 Q1.
- The number of IMI TechSafe certificates issued in 2021 Q1 decreased by almost a third compared to the last quarter, and 47% lower than the same period last year.
- From 2016 Q1 to 2021 Q1, there have been 16,378 IMI TechSafe certificates issued.

## Qualification Certifications

### All qualifications

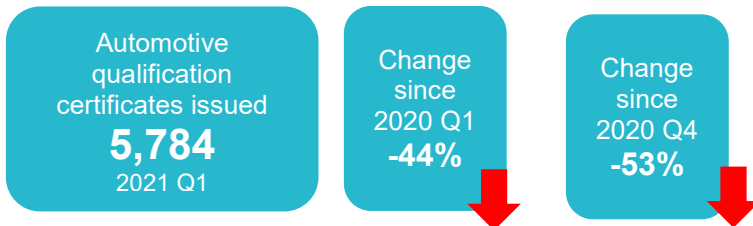


	No.	%chg 2020 Q1
England	587,480	-34%
Scotland	20,271	-70%
Wales	23,485	-46%
N.I	n/a	n/a

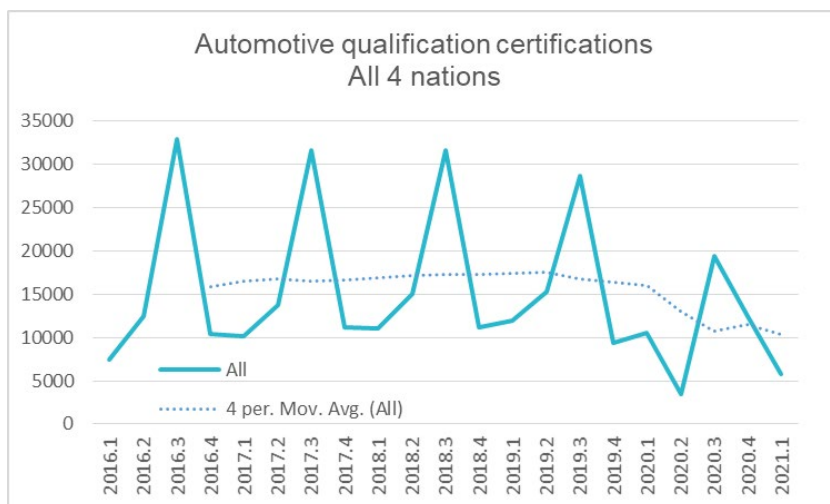
The total number of certificates issued in 2021 Q1 was 631,236. This is 37% lower than the same period last year.

All 3 nations have seen certifications drop comparing this quarter to 2020 Q1.

### Automotive qualification certifications - most recent quarter analysis



	No.	%chg 2020 Q1
England	5,280	-45%
Scotland	309	17%
Wales	195	-13%
N.I	n/a	n/a



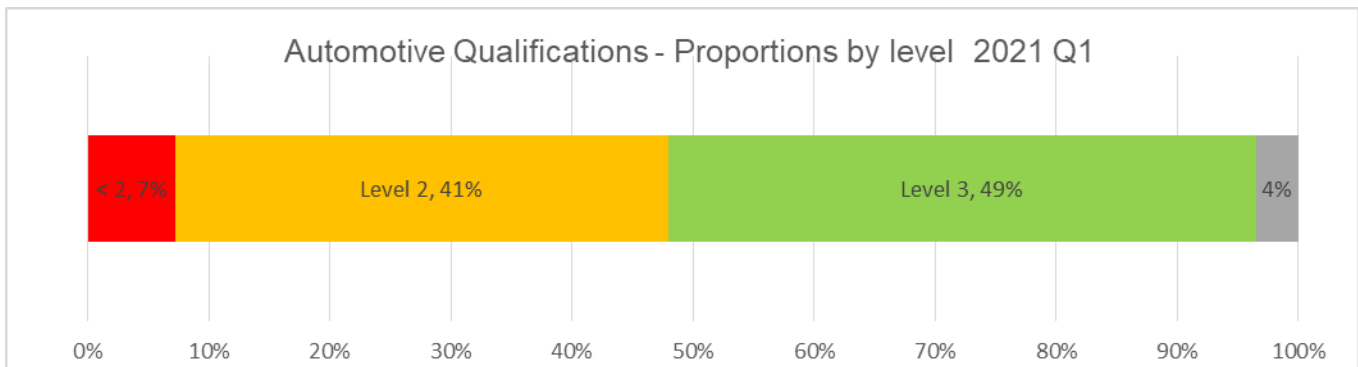
The total number of automotive certificates issued in 2021 Q1 was 5,784.

Comparing to 2020 Q1, certificates are 45% lower, this is a greater fall than vocational qualifications as a whole. Although a much smaller number, Scotland has seen an increase comparing to same period last year.

Comparing to last quarter (2020 Q4) automotive qualifications have decreased by 53%.

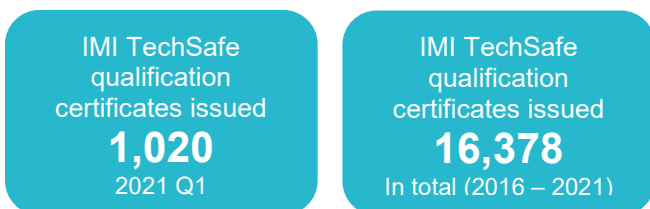
## Automotive qualification certifications – Levels

2021 Q1

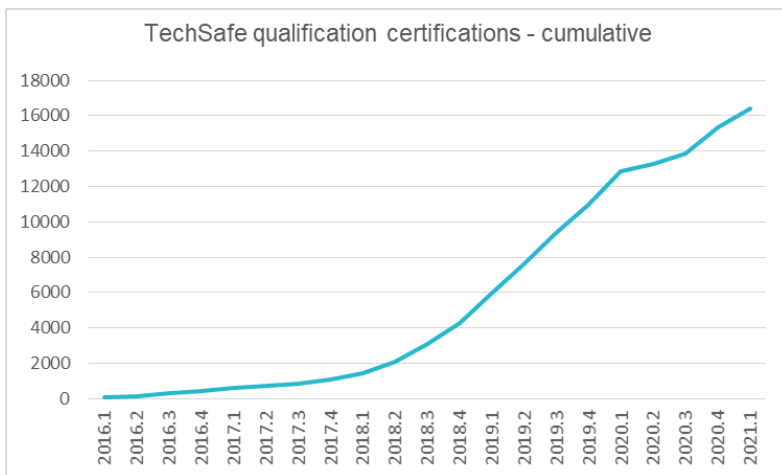


In 2021 Q1, the largest proportion (49%) of qualifications were at Level 3 (or equivalent) with 2806 qualifications at this level, 41% were at Level 2 and 7% were at entry and Level 1.

## IMI TechSafe



*This includes certificates up to Q4 2020. It includes all outlined IMI TechSafe qualifications including those offered by C&G and ABC not just IMI. It does not include accreditations.*



The number of IMI TechSafe certificates issued in 2021 Q1 decreased by almost a third compared to the last quarter, and 47% lower than the same period last year.

From 2016 Q1 to 2021 Q1, there have been 16,378 IMI TechSafe certificates issued.



## Data Sources

OfQual (England) - Vocational qualifications dataset [Certificates awarded for all vocational qualifications (excluding GCSEs, AS levels and A levels)] 2021 Q1. Released 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021

SQA Accreditation (Scotland) – Quarterly statistical Reports. January - March 2021. Released 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021

QiW (Wales) – Vocational and Other Qualifications Quarterly: [A quarterly release that presents data on vocational and other qualification certifications for Wales for the latest quarter] Quarter 1 (January – March) 2021 Released 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021