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Automotive Learners Report

Analysis of those undertaking automotive qualifications
2020 Q3



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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]
- Cea - 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 2020 Q3 (July to September).

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

Summary of findings

- The effect of Covid-19 on vocational certificates awarded in 2020 Q2 saw the lowest recorded certifications on record. Quarter 3 traditionally has the most certifications issued of the year and 2020 Q3 saw increases that were more than fourfold compared to the previous quarter. However numbers are still 13% lower than 2019 Q3.
- This effect appears to be more significant for automotive qualifications, who in 2020 Q3 saw significant increases in certifications compared to the last quarter with increases of more than 450% however, they are almost a third lower than the same quarter in 2019.
- Scotland has seen the largest falls in automotive qualifications compared to last year with a fall of 67%.
- The largest proportion (39%) of automotive qualifications were at level 2 (or equivalent) with 7549 qualifications at this level, 36% were at entry and level 1.
- The number of IMI TechSafe certificates issued in 2020 Q3 increased by 47% compared to last quarter but as with all automotive qualifications still much lower than the same timeframe last year, down 67%.
- From 2016 Q1 to 2020 Q2, there have been 13,176 IMI TechSafe certificates issued.

Qualification Certifications

All qualifications



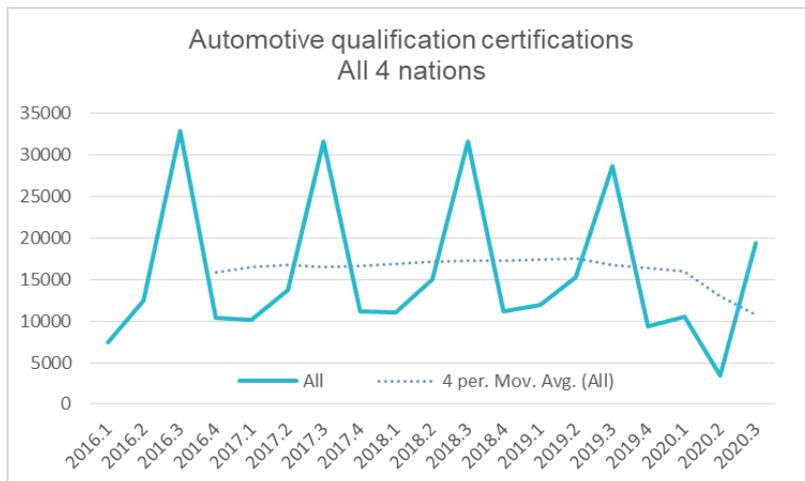
	No.	%chg Q2	%chg 2019 Q3
England	1,985,070	+407%	-14%
Scotland	17,027	+94%	-33%
Wales	197,425	+937%	-7%
N.I	74,626	+314%	+19%

The number of certificates issued in 2020 Q3 has increased by more than fourfold compared to the previous quarter but is still 13% lower than the same timeframe last year. All four nations have increased certification in the most recent quarter, the largest % increase being in Wales.

Automotive qualification certifications - most recent quarter analysis



	No.	%chg Q2	%chg 2019 Q3
England	17,545	+463%	-30%
Scotland	454	+282%	-67%
Wales	1085	+886%	-29%
N.I	273	+78%	-48%



Quarter 3 is traditionally a peak quarter for certifications, and the 2020 Q3 has seen significant increases in automotive certifications compared to the last quarter with increases of more than 450% however they remain almost a third lower than the same quarter in 2019.

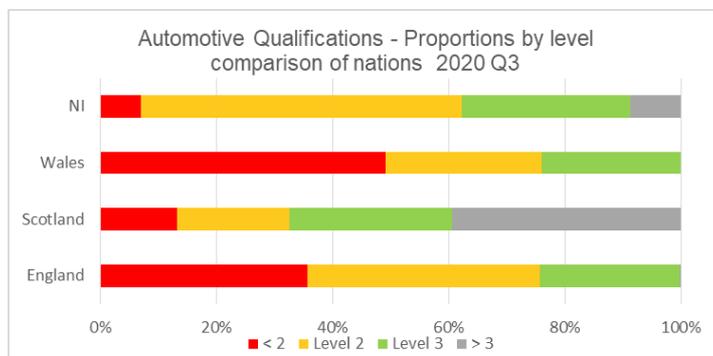
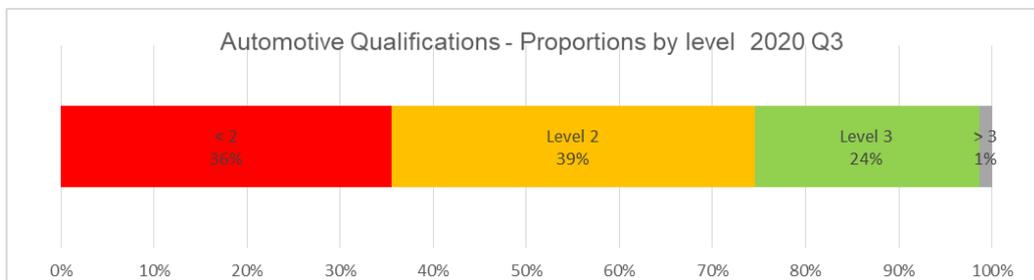
Scotland has seen the largest fall compared to last year with a decline of 67%.

Automotive qualifications account for approximately 1% of all qualification certificates and this has remained consistent for the past 2 years.

Automotive qualification certifications - Levels

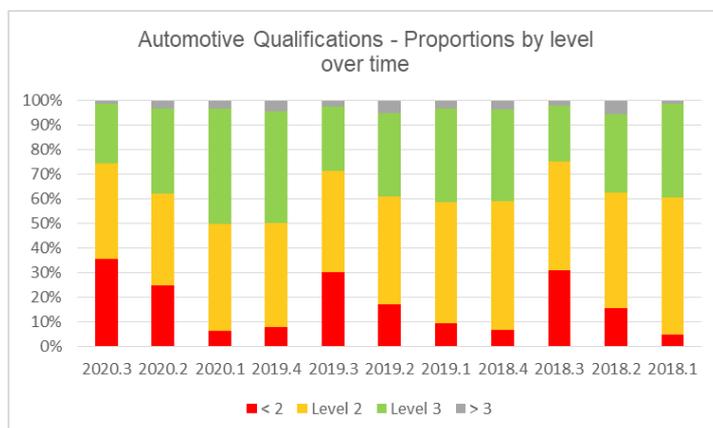


The largest proportion (39%) of qualifications were at level 2 (or equivalent) with 7549 qualifications at this level, 24% were at level 3 and 36% were at entry and level 1.



The proportion of levels differs significantly across the 4 nations. England follows the all automotive trend, given England makes up 90% of qualification market this is not surprising.

39% of Scottish qualifications were level 4 and above and 49% of Welsh qualifications are entry and level 1.



Proportions by levels are seasonally dependent. In particular, Q3 has proportionally lower level qualifications and Q1 and Q4 the reverse.

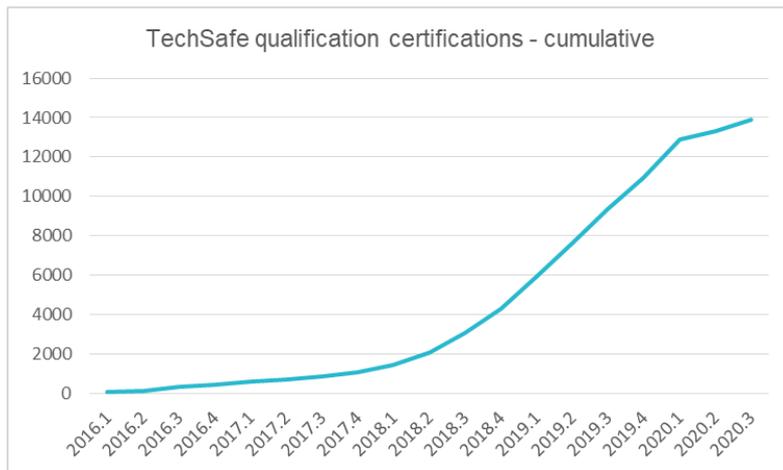
Comparing 2020 Q3 to 2019 and 2018 Q3, in 2020 Q3 there was a higher proportion of entry level and level 1 qualifications

IMI TechSafe

IMI TechSafe
qualification
certificates issued
590
2020 Q3

IMI Techsafe
qualification
certificates issued
13,876
In total (2016 – 2020)

This includes certificates up to Q2 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 2020 Q3 increased by 47% compared to the last quarter but as with all automotive qualifications it's still much lower than the same timeframe last year, down 67%. This has seen a significant flattening of the cumulative curve. From 2016 Q1 to 2020 Q2, there have been 13,176 IMI TechSafe certificates issued.

Data Sources

OfQual (England) - Vocational qualifications dataset [Certificates awarded for all vocational qualifications (excluding GCSEs, AS levels and A levels)] 2020 Q3. Released 26th November 2020

SQA Accreditation (Scotland) – Quarterly statistical Reports. July to September 2020. Released 26th November 2020

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 3 (July to September) 2020 Released 26th November 2020

Cea (Northern Ireland) - Technical and Professional Qualifications Bulletin: Quarter 3 July to September 2020. Released 26th November 2020