

## News story: Changes to the publication of geographical breakdowns of data

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Ofqual is changing how it publishes geographical breakdowns of data in Official/National Statistics outputs. For the academic year 2017 to 2018 and beyond, publications will be based based on data for England only.

The responsibility for publishing data for learners in Wales and Northern Ireland will pass to Qualifications Wales (the Welsh regulator) and CCEA (the regulator in Northern Ireland) respectively.

This separation of statistics is necessitated by changes to the qualifications and regulatory systems in the three jurisdictions. The divergence means that joint reporting of statistics does not remain appropriate. Ofqual, Qualifications Wales and CCEA are working together to ensure a smooth transition, in consultation with the UK Statistics Authority.

For the remainder of the academic year 2016/17, Ofqual will publish data tables for learners in Wales and Northern Ireland without commentary, alongside revised publications that discuss the data for England only.