

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR EDUCATION
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 16th JULY 2019**

Question

Will there be any changes made to the structure, use and validity of the Jersey Progression Qualification at Highlands College and, if so, will there be any effect on student outcomes?

Answer

There are no plans to change the structure of the JPQ. Its purpose remains the same as detailed in the qualification specification:

*“The primary purpose of the **Jersey Progression Qualification** is to enable young people aged 16-18 to develop the knowledge and skills, commensurate with the school leaving threshold of level 2, that will enable them to progress to the industry standard qualifications in a technical, professional or academic subject area. Students that have yet to achieve a result at level 2, continue with English and maths at GCSE level alongside the Jersey Progression Qualification.”*

Its validity remains the same in that it is increasing students’ chances of progressing more quickly to advanced levels of study. Seventy percent of Highlands College full-time students are now studying at advanced level and the college pass rate in 2018 was 97 percent. In 2015, one third of full-time students were on advanced programmes.