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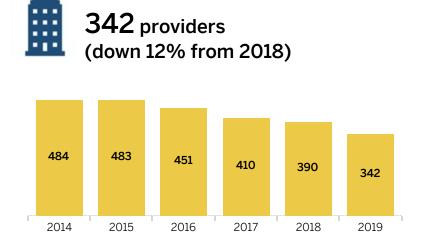
This is a synoptic analysis of QQI Certification Data for 2019.

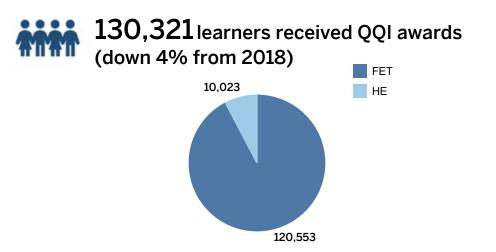
It provides information on awards made in 2019 by QQI for further education and training (FET) providers and certain higher education (HE) providers.

QQI is the only body currently awarding FET qualifications that are included in the NFQ.

QQI awards, however, account for a relatively small fraction of the HE awards made each year that are included in the NFQ.

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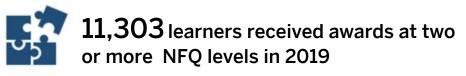


- 209,440 in FET, 95% of all awards made (down 4% from 2018)

- 10,068 in HE, 5% of all awards made by QQI (up 20% from 2018)

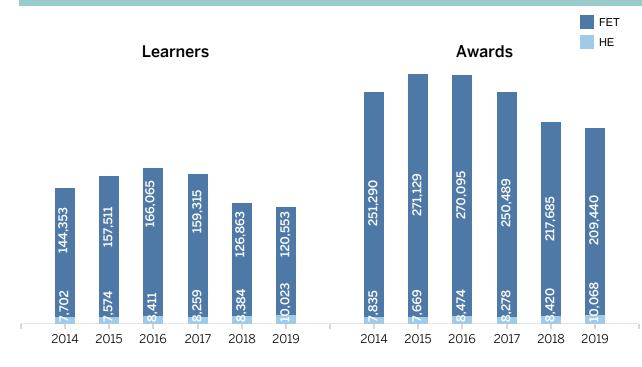


NFQ Level 5 accounted for the largest number of awards achieved by NFQ level (i.e. 49% of all awards achieved were made at this level)



**254** learners received both FET and HE awards in 2019

## NUMBER OF LEARNERS RECEIVING QQI AWARDS - TRENDS 2014-2019

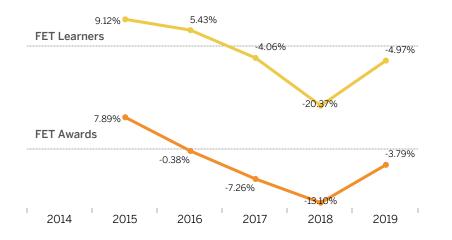


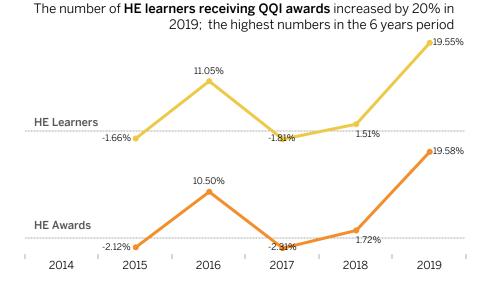
The number of learners receiving FET awards from **QQI** has declined since it peaked in 2016, when 166.065 learners received 270.095 awards

The number of HE learners receiving QQI awards has increased since 2016



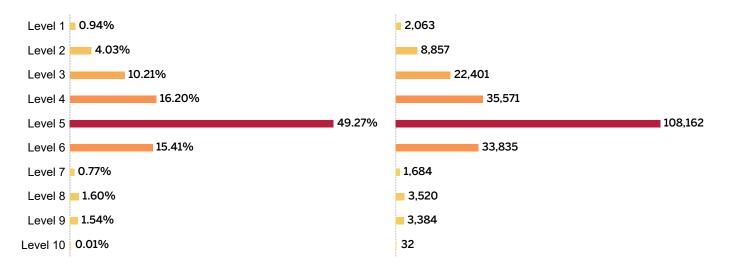
The number of FET learners and awards has declined since 2015. The largest drop in numbers occurred in 2017 when



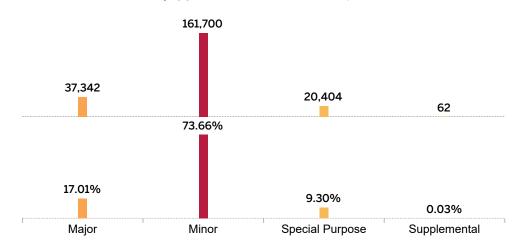


## NUMBERS OF QQI AWARDS BY NFQ LEVELS & CLASS IN 2019

108,162 or 49% of all awards made by QQI in 2019 were at NFQ Level 5 (down 9% from 2018 when 119,238 awards were made at this Level)



161,700 or 74% of all awards made by QQI in 2019 were Minor awards (down 1% from 2018 when 167,408 Minor awards were made)



## NUMBER OF QQI AWARDS BY SECTOR (FET/HE)



**161,310** or the majority of awards made by QQI in 2019 were **Minor FET awards**, mostly at NFQ Level 5 (down 4% from 2018). The numbers in several classes of QQI FET awards declined in 2019 from 2018: Minor awards by 3%, Major awards by 23% and Supplemental awards by 23% (the number of these is very small). However, the number of Special Purpose awards increased by 2% from 2018

**7,804** or the majority of HE awards made by QQI in 2019 were Major awards, mostly at NFQ Levels 8 (up 10% from 2018) and 9 (up 48% from 2018). Overall, the number of HE awards made by QQI increased in 2019

FET awards TOTAL				209,440	HE awar	ds TOTAL	10,068
Major	Total	29,538			Major	Total	7,804
	Level 1	390				Level 6	139
	Level 2	1,123				Level 7	1,048
	Level 3	1,377				Level 8	3,262
	Level 4	1,735				Level 9	3,323
	Level 5	19,466				Level 10	32
	Level 6	5.447			Minor	Total	390
Minor	Total		161,310			Level 6	323
	Level 1	1,673				Level 7	13
	Level 2	7,733				Level 8	54
	Level 3	21,007			Special	Total	1,874
	Level 4	33,547			Purpose	Level 6	986
	Level 5	76,219				Level 7	623
	Level 6	21,131				Level 8	204
Special	Total	18,530				Level 9	61
Purpose	Level 3	17					
	Level 4	289					
	Level 5	12,477					
	Level 6	5.747					
Supplemental	Total	62					
	Level 6	62					

## NUMBER OF AWARDS BY FIELD OF LEARNING (ISCED) & SECTOR IN 2019

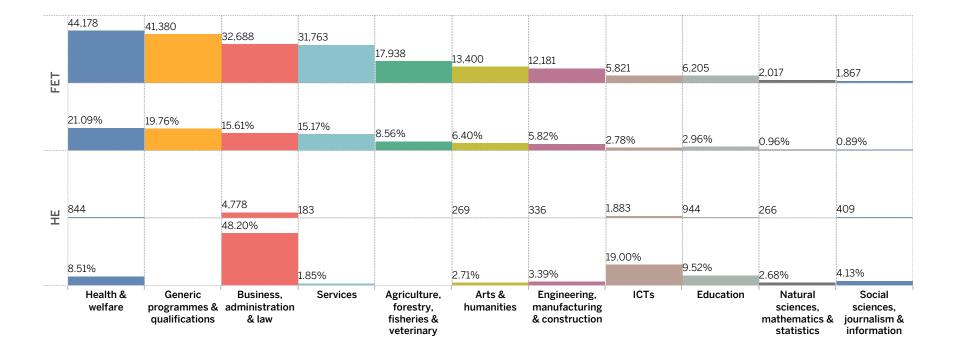


**150,009** or 72% of all **FET awards made by QQI** were in the following four fields: Health & welfare; Generic programmes & qualifications; Business, administration & law; and Services.

Health & welfare accounted for the largest number of FET awards made by QQI (21% of all QQI FET awards)\*

**8,449** or 84% of all **HE awards made by QQI** were in the following four fields: Business, administration & law; ICTs; Education; and Health & welfare. **Business administration & law** accounted for the largest number of HE awards made by QQI in 2019 (48% of all awards made in HE)

No significant change has occurred since 2014 in relation to these top 4 fields



\*A large number of awards for 'childcare and youth services' (e.g. Early Learning and Care related awards) are classified under 'Healthcare and welfare' field of learning (see <u>ISCED</u> <u>classification</u>). However, there is an argument that these awards should be included in the 'Education' field instead

## NUMBER OF AWARDS BY FIELD OF LEARNING (ISCED), NFQ LEVELS & CLASS OF AWARDS IN 2019



#### Field of Learning by NFQ Levels

In the <u>FET sector</u>: in all but one field of learning, the majority of QQI awards (counting all classes) made were at Level 5; the exception is Education, where the majority of awards made were at Level 6

In the <u>HE sector</u>: the largest number of QQI HE awards (2,010 awards) were made in the Business, administration & law Field at Level 8. But this pattern was not repeated in the other fields of learning

#### Fields of Learning by Class of Awards

In the <u>FET sector</u>: QQI made more FET Minor awards than Major or Special Purpose awards; except in the Engineering, manufacturing & construction field where more Special Purpose awards were made

In the <u>HE sector</u>: QQI made more Major than Minor or Special Purpose awards; except in the Engineering, manufacturing & construction field where more Special Purpose awards were made

	Level 1		1,954			29	74				6	
	Level 2		8,264			142	392				58	
ET	Level 3	261	6,679	4,759	2,614	809	3,434	713	2,990	109	26	7
Ë	Level 4	602	10,105	5,186	9,744	5,676	2,634	853	392		312	67
	Level 5	34,841	12,110	17,512	17,678	7,985	5,490	7,469	1,814	149	1,482	1,630
	Level 6	8,474	2,268	5,231	1,727	3,297	1,376	3,146	625	5,947	133	163
	Level 6	79		1,083	153		59	7	36	29		
	Level 7	265		516	23		96	323	188	45	28	72
ЩΗ	Level 8	247		2,010			101	6	756	77	61	260
	Level 9	253		1,161	7		13		903	793	177	77
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	Level 10			8								
	Level 10	Health & welfare	Generic programmes & qualifications	Business, administration & law	Services	Agriculture, forestry, fisheries & veterinary	Arts & humanities	Engineering, manufacturing & construction	ICTs	Education	Natural sciences, mathematics & statistics	Social sciences, journalism & information
	Major		programmes &	Business, administration	Services	forestry, fisheries &		manufacturing	<b>ICTs</b> 649	Education	sciences, mathematics	sciences, journalism &
		welfare	programmes & qualifications	Business, administration & law 3,824		forestry, fisheries & veterinary	humanities	manufacturing & construction			sciences, mathematics & statistics	sciences, journalism & information
FET	Major	welfare 9,776 34,402	programmes & qualifications 2,513	Business, administration & law 3,824	2,489	forestry, fisheries & veterinary 3,147	humanities 3,422	manufacturing & construction	649	64	sciences, mathematics & statistics	sciences, journalism & information
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## TOP 15 AWARDS BY CLASS & NFQ LEVEL IN 2019



**47,547** or 29% of all **QQI Minor awards** made in 2019 were in the top 15 awards, mainly at NFQ Level 5\*. All 15 were made in FET

16,653 or 45% of all QQI Major awards made in 2019 were in the top 15 awards, mainly at NFQ Level 5

TOP 15 QQI	Minor awar	ds	
5N0690	Level 5	Communications	5,509
5N1356	Level 5	Work Experience	4,702
4N1118	Level 4	Guarding Skills	4,334
5N2706	Level 5	Care of the Older Person	4,071
5N2770	Level 5	Care Skills	3,974
5N1786	Level 5	Special Needs Assisting	3,544
6N1957	Level 6	Special Needs Assisting	3,425
5N1794	Level 5	Safety and Health at Work	2,950
4N1125	Level 4	Information Technology Skills	2,938
4N1114	Level 4	Door Security Procedures	2,858
3N0588	Level 3	Word Processing	2,226
5N1358	Level 5	Word Processing	2,574
5N3734	Level 5	Infection Prevention and Control	2,250
6N3326	Level 6	Training Delivery and Evaluation	2,192
TOTAL			47,547

\*'Occupational First Aid' award at Level 5 was in the top 15 group for the last number of years but in 2020 it disappeared as it no longer met the statutory requirement set by the Health and Safety Authority

#### TRENDS TOP 15 QQI AWARDS

These **Top 15 Minor, Major and Special Purpose** awards have been consistently the most popular awards over since 2014, and together they represent 36% of all awards awarded by QQI in 2019

All awards in the Top 15 groups are FET awards, except for the QQI Major award '**Professional Master of Education in Primary Education**', which is made in HE

The Professional Master of Education in Primary Education was introduced in 2016 as the minimum legal requirement for those wishing to work as registered teachers. This explains the higher numbers of awards made in this QQI HE award

TOP 15 QQI Major awards						
5M4339	Level 5	Healthcare Support				
5M2009	Level 5	Early Childhood Care				

**15,442** or 76% of all QQI **Special Purpose** awards made in 2019 were in the top 15 awards; all are made in FET at NFQ Levels 5 and 6

#### TOP 15 QQI Special Purpose awards

Level 5	360° Excavator Operations	1,567
Level 5	Front Loading Site Dumper Operations	1,442
Level 5	Signing, Lighting and Guarding at Roadworks	1,431
Level 6	Farming	1,394
Level 6	Manual Handling Instruction	1,346
Level 5	Telescopic Handler Operations	1,328
Level 5	Locating and Avoiding Underground Services	1,316
Level 5	Slinger and Signaller Operations	1,248
Level 6	Training and Development	972
Level 5	Mobile Access Tower Operations	792
Level 5	Health & Safety at Roadworks	696
Level 6	Certificate in Payroll Techniques	572
Level 5	Implementing Food Safety Management Systems	527
Level 6	Farm Administration	451
Level 5	Articulated Dumper Operations	360
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**131,033** QQI FET awards were made for the 16 Education and Training Boards (ETBs) in 2019 (down 5% from 2018). ETBs account for the largest number of QQI awards made at NFQ Levels 1-5: on average, three quarters of all awards made by QQI at Levels 1-3 are for ETBs, and 64% at Levels 4 and 5

**51,390** QQI awards (less than half of those made for the ETBs and down 2% from 2018) were made for the second biggest group: private education and training providers (PRC). QQI awards made for PRCs are larger than for any other provider type at Levels 6 to 9 inclusive

	Major	Minor	Special Purpose	Supplemental	TOTAL	Provider type: BIM: Bord Iasaigh Mhara
ETB	21,425	105,377	4,208	23	131,033	<b>CMS</b> : Community / Comprehensive
PRC	9,939	36,193	5,219	39	51,390	School
SOL	1,821	2	8,810		10,633	<b>CPD</b> : Training for People with
CVS	914	9,034	153		10,101	Disabilities
TAG	1,816	1,568	1,472		4,856	<b>CVS</b> : Community / Voluntary Sector Organisation
SRB		2,673	259		2,932	<b>ETB</b> : Education and Training Board
CMS	483	2,099	13		2,595	HOS: Hospital CNE
CPD	266	1,960	11		2,237	IOT: Institutes of Technology
SCS	249	760			1,009	PRC: Private Provider
SKN	94	817			911	<b>PSA</b> : Public Service Agency <b>SCS</b> : Voluntary Secondary School
SPS	66	555			621	SKN: Skillnet
HOS	146	394	50		590	SOL: SOLAS
PSA	24	97	189		310	SPS: Special School people with Special
ΙΟΤ	93	76			169	Needs
YTS	1	70			71	SRB: Sectoral Representative Body TAG: Teagasc
BIM	5	25	20		50	YTS: Youth Service

#### DISTRIBUTION OF QQI AWARDS MADE BY TYPE OF PROVIDER & NFQ LEVELS

BIM					0.03%	0.06%
CMS				0.07%	1.72%	2.19%
CPD	21.28%	6.65%	4.99%	0.10%	0.01%	0.15%
CVS	2.04%	14.67%	9.24%	3.67%	3.84%	3.80%
ETB	74.36%	76.56%	77.94%	66.86%	63.62%	39.10%
HOS					0.46%	0.12%
IOT			0.21%		0.01%	0.25%
PRC			5.77%	22.34%	17.79%	39.87%
PSA					0.17%	0.40%
SCS			0.13%	0.18%	0.64%	0.70%
SKN					0.75%	0.30%
SOL					8.15%	5.63%
SPS	2.33%	2.12%	1.70%	0.01%		
SRB				6.70%	0.24%	0.90%
TAG					2.54%	6.52%
YTS			0.02%	0.06%	0.04%	
ſ	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6

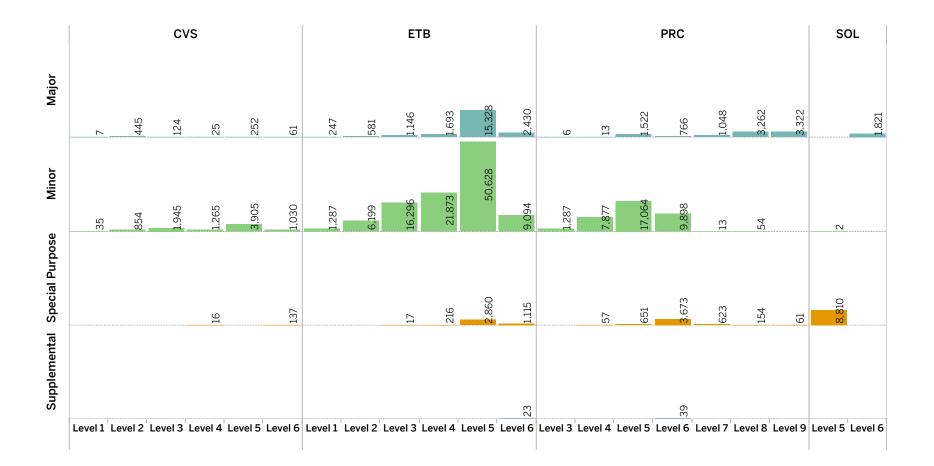
HOS	1.42%			
IOT		0.03%		100.00%
PRC	98.58%	99.97%	100.00%	
Γ	Level 8	Level 9	Level 7	Level 10

## FOUR PROVIDER TYPES BY QQI AWARDS MADE IN 2019



**203,157** awards or 93% of all QQI awards made in 2019 were issued for four types of provider: **Community / Voluntary Sector Organisation** (CVS), **Education and Training Board** (ETB), **Private Provider** (PRC) and **SOLAS** (SOL). The majority were Minor awards at NFQ Level 5

All Supplemental awards in 2019 were awarded by the ETBs (23 awards) and PRCs (39), all were made at NFQ Level 6



## QQI AWARDS MADE FOR THE EDUCATION & TRAINING BOARDS (ETBs) IN 2019



**19,089** QQI awards were made for the City of Dublin ETB (5% down from 2018); followed by Cork ETB (14,466 awards, down 2%) and Dublin & Dún Laoghaire (11,889 down 3%). A quarter of all awards made for the ETBs were accounted for by these three

The majority of awards made for the ETBs are **Minor awards** (on average 80% of all awards), followed by Major awards (on average 16%). Laois & Offaly ETB received more Special Purpose awards than Major awards

	Special I	Purpose Minor	Majo	r			
19,089	14.6%	City of Dublin ETB	<mark>8</mark> 5		15,295		3,698
14,466	11.0%	Cork ETB	<mark>46</mark> 9		11,263	2,722	I
11,889	9.1%	Dublin & Dún Laoghaire ETB	72	9,	965	1,852	
9,632	7.4%	Limerick & Clare ETB	<mark>2</mark> 90	8,054	4 1,288		
9,265	7.1%	Waterford & Wexford ETB	<mark>1</mark> 73	7,724	1,368		
8,483	6.5%	Galway & Roscommon ETB	<mark>2</mark> 51	6,955	1,277		
8,167	6.2%	Louth & Meath ETB	<mark>1</mark> 87	6,300	1,680		
7,623	5.8%	Mayo Sligo & Leitrim ETB	<mark>696</mark>	5,599	1,328		
7,022	5.4%	Kildare & Wicklow ETB	34	5,972	1,016		
6,796	5.2%	Cavan & Monaghan ETB	54	5,640	1,102		
5,824	4.4%	Kilkenny & Carlow ETB	52	4,932	840		
5,569	4.3%	Laois & Offaly ETB	1,324	3,591	654		
4,840	3.7%	Tipperary ETB	<mark>1</mark> 67	4,051 622	2		
4,451	3.4%	Donegal ETB	54 3	8,719 <u>678</u>			
4,432	3.4%	Kerry ETB	<mark>2</mark> 19 3	,448 765			
3,485	2.7%	Longford & Westmeath ETB	<mark>81</mark> 2,8	69 535			

**23** Supplemental awards were made by QQI for the ETBs (down 48% from 2018): 27 by City of Dublin ETB; and 17 by Cork ETB. All of these awards were made in 'Domestic Gas Safety' at NFQ Level 6



**On average**, half of all awards made by the ETBs are at Level 5. Higher than average proportions of awards at Levels 1, 2 and 3 were made in Donegal ETB. Similarly, higher than average proportions of awards at Levels 3 and 4 were made in Longford & Westmeath ETB.

Cavan & Monaghan ETB	0.03%	9.43%	12.45%	20.11%	47.56%	10.42%
City of Dublin ETB	0.04%	4.38%	12.99%	19.59%	51.57%	11.42%
Cork ETB	0.48%	4.58%	12.76%	16.65%	51.92%	13.62%
Donegal ETB	8.54%	18.87%	23.95%	8.96%	33.03%	6.65%
Dublin & Dún Laoghaire ETB		3.81%	11.68%	19.17%	54.56%	10.77%
Galway & Roscommon ETB	0.17%	1.96%	10.24%	16.09%	62.24%	9.30%
Kerry ETB		2.84%	15.93%	19.68%	53.63%	7.92%
Kildare & Wicklow ETB		4.34%	14.77%	21.55%	50.85%	8.49%
Kilkenny & Carlow ETB	0.45%	1.20%	10.61%	26.15%	54.29%	7.30%
Laois & Offaly ETB	2.98%	5.44%	14.94%	16.59%	55.50%	4.54%
Limerick & Clare ETB	1.59%	4.83%	12.37%	13.50%	57.22%	10.51%
Longford & Westmeath ETB	3.85%	8.46%	19.77%	27.60%	34.66%	5.65%
Louth & Meath ETB	3.39%	7.64%	12.51%	15.33%	53.83%	7.30%
Mayo Sligo & Leitrim ETB	0.60%	2.70%	10.76%	10.95%	60.92%	14.06%
Tipperary ETB		6.03%	16.22%	26.16%	44.03%	7.56%
Waterford & Wexford ETB	2.80%	5.35%	13.66%	19.21%	53.03%	5.95%
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6

## NUMBER OF LEARNERS RECEIVING A QQI AWARD BY GENDER & AGE IN 2019

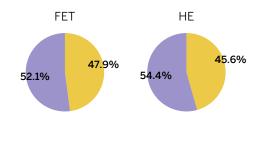


**68,107** learners achieving QQI awards were female in 2019 (52%, down 2 percentage points from 2018). 119,597 awards were achieved by these female learners



**62,214** were male learners (48%, up 2 percentages points from 2018). 99,911 awards were achieved by these male learners

68,107	62,214
52.3%	47.7%



More female than male learners attained QQI awards in 2019

For all classes of QQI awards, overall, the **TOTAL proportion** achieved are higher for female than for male learners. This is not the case:

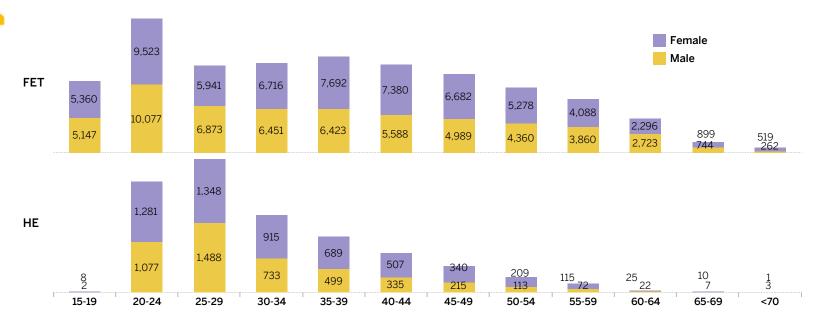
- In the FET sector: for Major awards at NFQ Levels 2, 3 and 6; Minor awards at Level 4; and for Special Purpose (except at Level 3) and Supplemental awards

- In the HE sector: for Major awards at NFQ Levels 6, 9 and 10 and Minor at Level 8

FET								HE					
Major	59.5%	53.4%	46.4%	46.2%	55.2%	65.0%	47.1%	51.6%	38.1%	53.0%	54.0%	49.4%	40.6%
	40 <mark>.5</mark> %	46. <mark>6</mark> %	53. <mark>6</mark> %	53. <mark>8</mark> %	44. <mark>8</mark> %	35. <mark>0</mark> %	52. <mark>9</mark> %	48. <mark>4</mark> %	61. <mark>9</mark> %	47. <mark>0</mark> %	46. <mark>0</mark> %	50. <mark>6</mark> %	59. <mark>4</mark> %
Minor	57.7%	51.5%	54.0%	52.9%	37.4%	66.4%	67.9%	51.4%	53.5%	53.8%	38.9%		
	42. <mark>3</mark> %	48. <mark>5</mark> %	46. <mark>0</mark> %	47. <mark>1</mark> %	62. <mark>6</mark> %	33. <mark>6</mark> %	32. <mark>1</mark> %	48. <mark>6</mark> %	46. <mark>5</mark> %	46. <mark>2</mark> %	61. <mark>1</mark> %		
Special Purpose	13.9%			52.9%	29.1%	2.9%	35.0%	66.8%	76.3%	53.8%	58.8%	73.8%	
	86 <mark>.1</mark> %			47. <mark>1</mark> %	70. <mark>9</mark> %	97.1%	65. <mark>0</mark> %	33. <mark>2</mark> %	23 <mark>.7</mark> %	46. <mark>2</mark> %	41. <mark>2</mark> %	26. <mark>2</mark> %	
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Supplemental													
	TOTAL	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6						

### DISTRIBUTION OF LEARNERS RECEIVING A QQI AWARD BY AGE IN 2019

Overall, learners in the 20-24 age band received a greater number of QQI awards in 2019 than learners in any other band. However, for HE awards the peak was in the 25-29 age band in 2019



The **age distribution of learners receiving QQI awards** is more even for FET than for HE. This is more noticeable at Level 1 than at any other level

Those achieving HE awards are younger than those reveiving FET awards, particularly at Levels 8 and 9, where approximately a quarter of awards achieved were by learners between 20-29 aged



