

Guide to results

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1. Results day

i) Collecting exam results

Candidates must receive their examination results from their centre, usually on the published results day.

For Summer 2024, the publication of results is

from 8:00 am on Thursday 15 August for Level 3 Qualifications.

from 8.00 a.m. on Thursday 22 August for Level 2 Qualifications.

WJEC is unable to provide or discuss results over the telephone or via email communication with candidates or parents, even if the school or college is closed. Candidates should therefore check with their school or college when and where results will be available for collection and how and with whom they can discuss any issues or concerns.

Results must not be divulged to others including local authorities and the media until after 9.30am on the relevant results day.

ii) What to expect

On results day, candidates normally receive a result slip showing their results. If qualifications have been taken with different exam boards, candidates may receive more than one results slip, or the school or college may create one single slip showing all results together.

At this point, results are designated as provisional; changes may be made at a later point, for example, following a centre review or an appeal.

iii) How are results displayed on a result slip

Level 1/ Level 2 Vocational Awards

Results slips will show candidate results for each qualification taken within that examination series.

For the overall qualification, results will display the grade as Level 1 Pass (P1), Level 2 Pass (P2), Level 2 Merit (M), Level 2 (D) or Level 2 Distinction * (D*)

Candidates whose level of attainment is below the minimum standard will receive an unclassified (U) result and will not receive a qualification certificate.

Level 1/ Level 2 Vocational Award (Technical Awards)

Results slips will show candidate results for each qualification taken within that examination series.

Technical Awards are awarded on an 8-point scale:

Level 2 Distinction* (*2), Level 2 Distinction (D2), Level 2 Merit (M2), Level 2 Pass (P2), Level 1 Distinction*(*1), Level 1 Distinction (D1), Level 1 Merit (M1), Level 1 Pass (P1).

Candidates who do not achieve the uniform marks required to achieve a Level 1 Pass will have their achievement recorded as U (unclassified) and will not receive a certificate.

Individual units are recorded on a uniform mark scale (UMS), grade equivalences can be found within each subject specification.

The document "Overall Level 1/ Level 2 Vocational Award (Technical Award) UMS grade boundary and unit information (with terminal rules)" has been published on the Grade Boundaries page of our <u>WJEC</u> and <u>Eduqas</u> website (once on that page click on "Level 1/2" to access the information).

This document has been issued to support you in understanding these new technical awards as the requirements as to how grades are achieved differ from other Vocational Awards.

Level 3 Applied Certificate and Diplomas

Results slips will show candidate results for each qualification taken within that examination series.

For qualifications graded A-E, the highest grade is A. For Diplomas, graded A*-E, the highest grade is A*.

For qualifications graded $P/M/D/D^*$, P = Pass, M = Merit, D = Distinction and the highest grade is $D^*(Distinction *)$.

Candidates whose level of attainment is below the minimum standard will receive an unclassified (U) result and will not receive a qualification certificate.

Level 3 Extended Project

Results slips will show candidate results for the qualification taken.

The grade will be reported as A* - E.

Results not attaining the minimum standard for the unit will be reported as U (unclassified) and will not receive a qualification certificate.

Level 3 Foundation Diploma Art and Design

Results slips will show candidate results for each qualification taken within that examination series.

The grade will be reported as Pass (P), Merit (M) and Distinction (D).

Results not attaining the minimum standard for the unit will be reported as F (Fail) and will not receive a qualification certificate.

Level 1 Latin

Results slips will show candidate results for each qualification taken within that examination series.

The grade will be reported as A* - C (with grade A* being the highest).

Results not attaining the minimum standard for the unit will be reported as U (unclassified) and will not receive a qualification certificate.

Level 2 Additional Mathematics

Results slips will show candidate results for each qualification taken within that examination series.

The grade will be reported as Pass (P), Merit (M) and Distinction (D).

Results not attaining the minimum standard for the unit will be reported as U (unclassified) and will not receive a qualification certificate.

Entry Level

Results slips will show candidate results for the qualification taken.

Entry Level results are reported as 1, 2 or 3 indicating a Pass at either Entry 1, Entry 2 or Entry 3, where Entry 3 is the highest grade.

Results not attaining the minimum standard for the award will be reported as U (unclassified).

iv) Symbols used on a result slip

In addition to grades and marks, results slips may also contain other symbols:

- X indicates that a result is not being issued due to the candidate being absent for all components/units. It may also be because a decision has been made not to issue a result. Any subject with an (X) will not appear on the certificate.
- **Q** indicates that a result is pending or is currently unavailable.
- # This indicator is shown next to the overall grade if a candidate completed work for some, but not all, of the subject's components or units.

2. What to do if a candidate is concerned about a result

It is important that candidates discuss any concerns with their school or college, usually an Exams Officer or teacher, and decide on the best options available.

If it is considered that there may have been an error, an application can be made by the centre for one or more of the post-results services offered by WJEC. Applications cannot be submitted by internal candidates or parents. Private candidates may contact WJEC's Post Results Services directly to submit an application.

Services include:

- ➤ Free access to scripts an electronic version of the script will be available free of charge to download from our Portal.
- Clerical re-check a re-check of all clerical procedures leading to the issue of a result.
- ➤ Post-results review of marking a review of the original marking to ensure that the agreed mark scheme has been applied correctly.
- Post-results review of moderation please note this is not available for individual candidates.

For further details, please visit our <u>Post-Results Services</u> page and the information published by JCQ on <u>Post-Results Services</u> procedures.

It is important to note that when applying for a clerical re-check or review of marking marks can stay the same or go up or down. Therefore, candidates must give their signed permission before a school or college submits an application.

The outcome will be issued directly from WJEC to the school or college, who will then pass the information onto candidates. Once an outcome has been issued, the original mark cannot be re-instated in any circumstance, even if the new mark is lower than the original mark.

3. Grade boundaries

Grade boundaries are the minimum number of marks needed to achieve each grade. Whilst exam papers are written to the same level of difficulty, they do vary each year. Grade boundaries ensure that whenever the exam is sat, candidates receive the same grade for the same level of performance.

You can access unit grade boundaries and raw mark to UMS information in our Grade converter **here** (Vocational Awards /Vocational Award (Technical Awards), Entry Level, Latin, Applied Level 3 only).

For Qualification UMS grade boundaries, please refer to the relevant subject specifications under qualifications **here.**

4. When are certificates available

Certificates will be sent to centres by November.

Candidates should check that their personal details, name and date of birth, are correct on the results slip and inform the Exams Officer if there are any errors. **Exams Officers must inform WJEC of errors, in writing, not later than 8 September 2024.** If errors are not corrected at this stage, there will be a charge for replacing certificates after they have been issued. Candidates should check the arrangements for receiving their certificate with their school or college.