



Guide to Unit Results

**L1/2 Vocational Awards
L3 Applied Certificates and Diplomas**

2021

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Unit Grade Results

Candidates who were part way through a Level 1/2 Vocational Award or L3 Applied Certificate or Diploma qualification in Summer 2021 (e.g. Years 10 and 12) were defined as non-certificating/mid-flight learners.

Many of these candidates would have been taking unit assessments in summer 2021 which would contribute to the award of their qualification in 2022. Centres were able to submit Unit Teacher Assessed Grades (Unit TAGs) for these candidates for the units that should have been completed in summer 2021. These were submitted to WJEC in September and results reported to centres from 5th November.

i. Collecting Unit Grade Results

Unit grade results will be available to centres from **Friday 5th November**.

Schools and colleges should inform all candidates of the arrangements for obtaining their unit grade results and with which members of school or college staff they should discuss any results queries or concerns.

WJEC is unable to provide or discuss unit grade results over the telephone or via email communication with candidates or parents.

ii. What to expect

Candidates may receive a unit grade result slip showing their results.

At this point, unit grade 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 unit grade results displayed on a result slip?

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Unit grade results slips will show candidate results for each unit taken.

Unit Grade results will display 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.

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Unit grade results slips will show candidate results for each unit taken.

For units graded A-E, the highest grade is A.

For units graded P/M/D/, P = Pass, M = Merit, D =Distinction the highest grade is D* (Distinction *).

Candidates whose level of attainment is below the minimum standard will receive an unclassified (U) result.

From June 2018, a 'near pass' rule was introduced meaning candidates could pass their Applied Diploma qualification provided they achieve:

- the minimum UMS mark for the qualification grade as set out in the qualification specification, and
- a minimum of a pass grade in all internal units and a minimum of a 'near pass' in all external units.

A 'near pass' is not treated as a grade or reported as such. Candidates who have achieved a 'near pass' will still receive an unclassified (U) result but the 'near pass' has been recorded in our systems.

iv. Symbols used on a result slip

In addition to grades, unit grade result slips may also contain other symbols:

X indicates that a unit grade result is not being issued due to the candidate being absent. It may also be because a decision has been made not to issue a unit grade result.

Q indicates that an overall unit grade result is not being issued as a unit grade has not been provided or a result is withheld pending quality assurance or submission of UTAGs.

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

Candidates have a right to request a centre review and appeal on their unit TAG in the same way as qualification TAGs in summer 2021.

If a candidate considers that an error has been made in determining their unit TAG, they should:

- Stage 1 (centre review, conducted by the centre) – ask their school or college to undertake a review if they consider an administrative or procedural error has occurred.
- Stage 2 (appeal to WJEC) – ask their school or college to submit their appeal to us, if they believe an error persists after the Centre Review has been completed, or if they believe an error of academic judgement has been made in determining their grade or in the selection of evidence. The centre must check that no error has been made prior to submitting an appeal on the grounds of academic judgement.

The deadline for centres to submit a stage 2 appeal to WJEC is 5pm on Friday 3 December. Centres may set their own deadlines for candidates to request a centre review following the issue of results on 5 November but must allow sufficient time for the centre to complete the review and submit a stage 2 appeal, if required, to WJEC by 3 December. Appeals received after the deadline will not be accepted.

Centres must submit appeals through the Appeals Portal which will open on 5 November. This is the same system and process used for submitting qualification appeals in summer 2021.

The WJEC Eduqas website and [JCQ website](#) includes useful documents on the appeals process:

- JCQ A guide to appeals processes, Summer 2021 series
- Appeal request form – JCQ Appendix Guidance Summer 2021 Appendix B
- JCQ Student Guide

vi. How Unit TAGs will contribute to the award of Applied Diploma qualifications 2022 or beyond

Uniform Marks

Our Applied Diplomas are unitised qualifications meaning that candidates can complete assessments at different times throughout their course. Since exam papers can vary in difficulty from one series to the next, a common scale is used (called a uniform mark scale or UMS) to make sure marks gained on one does not advantage candidates compared with those who gain marks on a different paper.

Individual unit results and the overall qualification award for our Applied Diplomas will be expressed as UMS.

Converting TAGs to UMS

Centres were asked to submit a single Unit TAG for each unit. These Unit TAGs will be assigned a uniform mark (UMS) and these UMS will then be combined with the UMS from any other units taken in the standard way to award the Applied Diploma qualification.

Units graded A to E

When we award the units, for grades between B and E we have assigned a uniform mark (UMS) that is half the distance between the grade awarded and the grade above. For grade A, we have assigned a mark that is half the distance between A and the maximum UMS.

In line with published qualification Specifications, candidates must achieve a pass in all internal units and a pass, or a 'near pass (N)' in all external units to be awarded their Applied Diploma qualification. The uniform mark assigned to the 'near pass' is at the midpoint within the N mark band.

The UMS value assigned to an unclassified (U) Unit TAG outcomes is 20% of the maximum, midway between zero and the minimum UMS for a grade E. Centres submitted a Unit TAG of U, where there was sufficient evidence to determine a Unit TAG, but the evidence was not sufficient to reach the standard of a near pass.

Where no evidence was available to centres to determine a Unit TAG, the centre was able to indicate that a judgement was not provided. This will be report back to the centre as Q.

The tables below illustrate the UMS awarded for Grades A-E, N and U where the maximum UMS for the unit is 80, 100, 120, 160 and 240.

Grade	Maximum	A	B	C	D	E	N	U
Minimum UMS	80	64	56	48	40	32	24	0
UMS awarded		72	60	52	44	36	28	16

Grade	Maximum	A	B	C	D	E	N	U
Minimum UMS	100	80	70	60	50	40	30	0
UMS awarded		90	75	65	55	45	35	20

Grade	Maximum	A	B	C	D	E	N	U
Minimum UMS	120	96	84	72	60	48	36	0
UMS awarded		108	90	78	66	54	42	24

Grade	Maximum	A	B	C	D	E	N	U
Minimum UMS	160	128	112	96	80	64	*	0
UMS awarded		144	120	104	88	72	*	32

* There are no external units with a near pass

Grade	Maximum	A	B	C	D	E	N	U
Minimum UMS	240	192	168	144	120	96	72	0
UMS awarded		216	180	156	132	108	84	48

Units graded Distinction to Pass

When we award the units, for Merit (M) and Pass (P) we have assigned a uniform mark (UMS) that is half the distance between the grade awarded and the grade above. For Distinction (D) grades, we have assigned a mark that is half the distance between D and the maximum UMS. We chose this approach for TAGs because it was the fairest option for all students, because the TAGs will be combined with live assessments to form the overall grade.

In line with published qualification Specifications, candidates must achieve a pass in all internal units and a pass, or a 'near pass (N)' in all external units to be awarded their Applied Diploma qualification. The uniform mark assigned to the 'near pass' is at the midpoint within the N mark band.

The UMS value assigned to unclassified (U) unit TAG outcomes is 20% of the maximum, midway between zero and the minimum UMS for a Pass.

Grade	Maximum	D	M	P	N	U
Minimum UMS	100	80	60	40	30	0
UMS awarded		90	70	50	35	20