GCSE Design & Technology
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, students receive the same grade for the same level of performance

In accordance with regulatory requirements, all reformed general qualifications in England are linear. This means that candidates must take all the components within the specification within one examination series.

The grade boundaries for each qualification are shown below. Component marks at key grade boundaries are aggregated to create a total mark, which is used to calculate the overall qualification grade for each candidate. Candidates will receive the total aggregated mark and the overall grade on their results slips.

The grade boundaries for each component are also shown below. The highlighted grade boundaries were set using professional judgement.

Component boundaries are 'notional' and intended only as a guide to aid centres with their analysis and are not official grades. Please note that notional component grade boundaries which have been derived arithmetically may not add up to the overall qualification-level boundary where component marks have been scaled to produce the qualification-level mark.

YEAR	Entry Code	Subject/Component	Max. Mark	Weighting Factor	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
2019	C600QS	Design & Technology	200		168	153	139	123	108	93	68	44	20
	C600U1	Component 1	100	1.0000	83	75	68	60	52	44	32	20	8
	C600U2	Component 2	100	1.0000	85	78	71	63	56	49	36	24	12
2021	C600QS	Design & Technology	100		73	65	57	49	41	33	24	15	6
	C600U1	Component 1	100	1.0000	73	65	57	49	41	33	24	15	6
	C600U2	Component 2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2022	C600QS	Design & Technology	200		165	150	136	118	101	84	61	39	17
	C600U1	Component 1	100	1.0000	82	74	66	57	48	39	28	18	7
	C600U2	Component 2	100	1.0000	83	76	70	61	53	45	33	21	10
2023	C600QS	Design & Technology	200		167	153	139	122	106	90	66	43	20
	C600U1	Component 1	100	1.0000	83	76	68	59	50	42	30	19	8
	C600U2	Component 2	100	1.0000	84	77	71	63	56	48	36	24	12
2024	C600QS	Design & Technology	200		162	147	133	118	103	89	66	43	20
	C600U1	Component 1	100	1.0000	80	71	63	55	48	41	30	19	8
	C600U2	Component 2	100	1.0000	82	76	70	63	55	48	36	24	12