



# Guide to results AS and A level

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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 the qualifications they have sat.

For November 2020, the publication of results is **Thursday 17 December**.

Schools and colleges should inform all candidates of the arrangements for obtaining their results and with which members of school or college staff they should discuss any results queries or concerns. It may be necessary for arrangements to be different to those in previous years, and these arrangements will need to take account of the latest government advice for your area.

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. **This is of particular importance in the November 2020 series, due to the close proximity of results day to the end of the Autumn term.**

## ii) What to expect

On Results Day, candidates normally receive a results 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 Review of Marking or Moderation.

## iii) How are results displayed on a results slip?

Results slips will show candidate results for subjects/qualifications taken within that examination series.

The results slip will display the qualification grade and the mark for individual components. WJEC Eduqas A level science practical endorsement components will display as '000' as these results do not contribute to the overall grade. The endorsed grade appears after the overall qualification grade. **Similarly, non-examination components (NEA) which were not offered in November 2020 ( including orals, practicals, internally assessed work, etc) will also appear with '000' on result slips. Grades for all subjects (including those normally with NEA) were calculated and based on the total marks for the externally assessed components only. The externally set assignment in Art & Design (normally internally assessed) was also externally assessed in November.**

#### iv) Symbols used on a results 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.

Please see Appendix 1 for an example of a results slip.

## 2. Understanding results

### i) Explaining grades

#### GCE (A level)

Single award grades are reported as A\* - E (with grade A\* being the highest).

The GCE WJEC Eduqas Science Practical and Geology assessments do not contribute to the overall grade and are reported as endorsements, Pass (P) or Not Classified (NC).

#### GCE (AS level)

Single award grades are reported as A - E (with A being the highest).

### ii) How are marks converted into grades

Each component has a given number of raw marks. However, components within a qualification may have different weightings. A weighting factor (also referred to as an aggregating factor) is applied when calculating the total mark. Weighting explains why the raw marks for individual components do not always add up to the total mark for the qualification. The weighted mark for each component can be calculated by multiplying the raw mark for a component by its weighting factor.

## 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, students receive the same grade for the same level of performance.

All WJEC Eduqas AS and A Level qualifications are linear. With linear subjects a single grade is awarded for the overall subject. 'Notional' grade boundaries for each component are also available. These are intended only as a guide, they are not official grades.

Linear grade boundaries and the maximum marks will be available from 8am on results day on our Eduqas [website](#).

## 4. What to do if a candidate wants to query a result

It is important that candidates discuss any concerns with their centre, usually an exams officer or teacher, and decide on the best options available. **In view of the proximity of the November 2020 results to the end of the Autumn term it is advised that candidates liaise closely with their centres to establish how best to contact them during the period immediately after results. Candidates must liaise with their centre for the outcome of queries on results. WJEC cannot confirm result query outcomes directly to candidates.**

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:

- [Access to scripts](#) – an electronic version of the script, either as a priority copy prior to applying for a review of marking or non-priority service for teaching and learning.
- [Clerical re-check](#) - a re-check of 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.

For further details including fees and deadlines, please visit our [Post-Results Services](#) page and the information published by JCQ, available [here](#).

**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.**

WJEC Offices will be closed on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December and will reopen on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Applications will not be processed during this period.

## 5. When are certificates available?

Certificates will be sent to centres by 26 March 2021.

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 31 January 2021.** If errors aren't 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.

## Appendix 1 – Example GCE results slip

For all subjects, the raw mark is shown for each unit or component and the total available mark is shown in brackets.

CENTRE NO.		CENTRE NAME		
68000		TEST CENTRE		
CANDIDATE NO.		CANDIDATE NAME		DATE OF BIRTH
50000		FORENAME SURNAME		01/01/99
CANDIDATE UCI		CANDIDATE ULN		
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		UMS	Paper	Mark	Grade
MATHEMATICS	<b>A LEVEL CASH-IN</b>	<b>0047/90</b>	<b>515</b>		<b>A</b>
MATHEMATICS C3	C3	0975/01	074	01:C3	057 (075) b
MATHEMATICS C4	C4	0976/01	081	01:C4	055 (075) a
MATHEMATICS S2	S2	0984/01	078	01:S2	054 (075) b
BIOLOGY	<b>A LEVEL QUALIFICATION A400QS</b>			01:COMPONENT 1	051 (100) C P
				02:COMPONENT 2	050 (100)
				03:COMPONENT 3	037 (100)
				04:PRACTICAL ENDORSEMENT	000 (000)

For Eduqas Sciences and Geology the Practical Endorsement does not contribute to the overall grade. The result for this component is shown as '000' and the grade appears as a letter next to the qualification. result. **For this series any subjects with NEA components will also show those components as '000' as these components were not offered in the November 2020 series.**

A capital letter shows the result for a qualification, and lower case letters show a unit result. For Eduqas Sciences and Geology the practical result appears as an endorsement next to the qualification result.