



Guide to results Welsh Baccalaureate

January and June 2019

1. Results Day

i) Collecting Exam Results

Candidates must collect their results from their school or college, usually on the published results day for the qualifications they have sat.

For January 2019, Key Stage 4 (KS4) and Advanced component results will be issued on **7 March**.

For June 2019, the dates for publication of results are:

Advanced	Thursday 15 August
KS4 & Post 16	Thursday 22 August

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.

ii) What to expect

On results day, candidates will receive a results slip showing their results. At this point results are designated as provisional; changes may be made at a later point, for example, Review of Marking or Moderation. Read more our [Post-Results Services](#) page (see section 4).

iii) How are results displayed on a results slip?

Results slips will show candidate results for each Challenge taken within that examination series i.e. separate results slips will be produced for January and June.

- For **the Enterprise and Employability, Global and Community Challenges and the Individual Project**, results will display a UMS mark, a grade, the raw mark and in brackets the total mark.
- For the **Skills Challenge Certificate**, results will display a UMS marks and a grade. (June only).
- For the **Welsh Baccalaureate**, results will display either a Pass (P) or Fail (F).

2. Understanding your results

i) Explaining grades

The Welsh Baccalaureate is based on a **Skills Challenge Certificate** alongside **Supporting Qualifications**. The requirements of both the Skills Challenge Certificate and Supporting qualifications must be met in order to achieve the overarching Welsh Baccalaureate.

To be awarded the full qualification candidates must achieve the following minimum requirements:

Level	Skills Challenge Certificate	Supporting Quals (<i>Both A & B must be achieved</i>)	
		A (<i>Achieved During or Prior to Registration</i>)	B (<i>Achieved during Registration</i>)
KS4 Foundation	Pass or Pass*	GCSE English Language <i>or</i> GCSE Welsh Language at grade A* - G And GCSE Mathematics – Numeracy <i>or</i> GCSE Mathematics at grade A* - G	A minimum of three further GCSEs grade A* - G, of which two may be equivalent qualifications
KS4 National	A* - C	GCSE English Language <i>or</i> GCSE Welsh Language at grade A* - C And GCSE Mathematics – Numeracy <i>or</i> GCSE Mathematics at grade A* - C	A minimum of three further GCSEs grade A* - C, of which two may be equivalent qualifications
Post 16 Foundation	Pass or Pass*	GCSE English Language <i>or</i> GCSE Welsh Language at grade A* - G <i>or</i> Essential Communication Skill at Level1 (L1) <i>or</i> above And GCSE Mathematics – Numeracy <i>or</i> GCSE Mathematics at grade A* - G <i>or</i> Essential Application of Number Skill at Level1 (L1) <i>or</i> above	Maximum of four Level 1 (L1) qualifications with a total of at least 300 GLH
Post 16 National	A* - C	GCSE English Language <i>or</i> GCSE Welsh Language at grade A* - C <i>or</i> Essential Communication Skill at L2 <i>or</i> above And GCSE Mathematics – Numeracy <i>or</i> GCSE Mathematics at grade A* - C <i>or</i> Essential Application of Number Skill at Level 2 (L2) <i>or</i> above	A maximum of four Level 2 (L2) qualifications with a total of at least 300 GLH.
Advanced	A* - E	GCSE English Language <i>or</i> GCSE Welsh Language at grade A* - C And GCSE Mathematics – Numeracy <i>or</i> GCSE Mathematics at grade A* - C	Two A levels at grade A* - E; Or One A level at grade A* - E and a Pass in one level 3 vocational qualification of at least 300 GLH; Or Pass grade in one or two Level 3 (L3) vocational qualifications which total at least 600 GLH.

Candidates wishing to use GCSE Maths/Numeracy or English Language/Welsh for June 2019 as supporting qualifications towards the Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced will need to wait for their GCSE results to see whether they have achieved the qualification. Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced results will be updated on Wednesday 21st August for those candidates entered for relevant GCSE subjects with WJEC.

The Skills Challenge Certificate consists of four components which are followed by all candidates.

Component	Weighting	Total UMS
Individual Project	50%	150
Enterprise and Employability Challenge	20%	60
Global Citizenship Challenge	15%	45
Community Challenge	15%	45

The Enterprise and Employability, Global and Community challenges and the Individual Project are awarded the following summative grades:

KS4 National/Foundation	Level 1 Pass (P1)	Level 2 Pass (P2)	Level 2 Merit (M2)	Level 2 Distinction (D2)
Post 16 National	Level 1 Pass (L1)	Level 2 Pass (P2)	Level 2 Merit (M2)	Level 2 Distinction (D2)
Post 16 Foundation	Level 1 Pass (P1)	Level 1 Merit (M1)		
Advanced	Level 3 Pass (P)	Level 3 Merit (M)	Level 3 Distinction (D)	

The Skills Challenge Certificate and the Welsh Baccalaureate are awarded the following grades:

	Skills Challenge Certificate	Welsh Baccalaureate
KS4 & Post 16 Foundation	Pass (P) or Pass* (P*)	Pass (P) or Fail (F)
KS4 & Post 16 National	A* - C	Pass (P) or Fail (F)
Advanced	A* - E	Pass (P) or Fail (F)

ii Explaining marks

- **Raw marks**

A raw mark is the number of marks a candidate achieves on an exam or assessment.

- **Uniform Marks Scale (UMS).**

The UMS mark is a conversion of the raw mark. It is used for the Skills Challenge Certificate as a device for reporting, recording and aggregating candidates' component assessment outcomes. The UMS is used so that candidates who achieve the same standard will have the same uniform mark, irrespective of when the component was taken. Individual component results and the overall subject award will be expressed as a uniform mark on a scale.

The maximum uniform mark for any component depends on that component's weighting in the specification. The weightings for the four components are 50%, 20%

15% and 15% and will be allocated a UMS out of 150, 60, 45 and 45. For each certificate, the relationships between uniform marks and grades are shown in the following tables for each of the qualifications and components.

When a candidate has completed all four components, his/her uniform marks are added together to provide a total out of 300 and the grade is then determined.

NB: A candidate must pass all four components to be awarded a grade for the Skills Challenge Certificate

Overall UMS Grade Boundaries Skills Challenge Certificate - KS4 National/Foundation

The skills challenge certificate can be awarded a Foundation or National level.

The National Skills Challenge Certificate is graded A*-C and candidates **must** achieve at least a pass in the Individual Project and the three challenges with a minimum of 80% at Level 2 and 20% at Level1 (See component weightings on Page 3). Where candidates have met this requirement but not achieved 120 UMS, they will be awarded a grade C.

The Foundation Skills Challenge Certificate is graded Pass or Pass* and candidates must achieve a pass in the Individual Project and the three challenges with a minimum of a L1 Pass.

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

	National				Foundation		
Grade Boundaries	A*	A	B	C	Pass*	Pass	U
Total UMS	270	240	180	120	90	60	0
%	90%	80%	60%	40%	30%	20%	0%

Component UMS Grade Boundaries:

Component	Max Raw Mark	Max UMS Mark	L2 Distinction	L2 Merit	L2 Pass	L1 Pass
Individual Project	96	150	120	90	60	30
Enterprise & Employability	36	60	48	36	24	12
Global Citizenship	36	45	36	27	18	9
Community	36	45	36	27	18	9
%			80%	60%	40%	20%

Overall UMS Grade Boundaries Skills Challenge Certificate Foundation (Post 16)

The Foundation (Post 16) Skills Challenge Certificate is graded Pass* or Pass and candidates must achieve at least a L1 pass in the Individual Project and the three challenges.

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

Grade Boundaries	Pass*	Pass
Total UMS	210	120
%	70%	40%

Component UMS Grade Boundaries;

Component	Max Raw Mark	Max UMS Mark	L1 Merit	L1 Pass
Individual Project	72	150	105	60
Enterprise & Employability	36	60	42	24
Global Citizenship	36	45	32	18
Community	27	45	32	18
%			70%	40%

Overall UMS Grade Boundaries Skills Challenge Certificate - National (Post 16)

The National (Post 16) Skills Challenge Certificate is graded A*-C and candidates **must** achieve a pass in the Individual Project and the three challenges with a minimum of 80% at L2 and 20% at L1. Where candidates have met this requirement but not achieved 120 UMS, they will be awarded a grade C.

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

Grade Boundaries	A*	A	B	C	U
Total UMS	270	240	180	120	0
%	90%	80%	60%	40%	0%

Component UMS Grade Boundaries;

Component	Max Raw Mark	Max UMS Mark	L2 Distinction	L2 Merit	L2 Pass	L1 Pass
Individual Project	72	150	120	90	60	30
Enterprise & Employability	36	60	48	36	24	12
Global Citizenship	36	45	36	27	18	9
Community	27	45	36	27	18	9
%			80%	60%	40%	20%

Overall UMS Grade Boundaries

Skills Challenge Certificate Advanced

The Advanced Skills Challenge Certificate is graded A*-E and candidates must achieve at least a L3 Pass in the Individual Project and the three challenges.

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

Grade Boundaries	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
Total UMS	270	240	210	180	150	120	0
%	90%	80%	70%	60%	50%	40%	0%

Component UMS Grade Boundaries;

Component	Max Raw Mark	Max UMS Mark	L3 Distinction	L3 Merit	L3 Pass
Individual Project	72	150	120	90	60
Enterprise & Employability	45	60	48	36	24
Global Citizenship	36	45	36	27	18
Community	27	45	36	27	18
%			80%	60%	40%

iii) How are marks converted into grades

The overall qualification grade is calculated by adding together the uniform marks achieved in the individual components. This gives candidates a total uniform mark which converts to an overall grade based on the grade boundary.

3. Grade Boundaries

Grade boundaries are the minimum number of marks needed to achieve each grade and may vary each year. Grade boundaries ensure that whenever a Challenge or the Individual Project is sat, candidates receive the same grade for the same level of performance.

UMS grade boundaries remain the same every year as the range of UMS mark percentages allocated to a particular grade does not change. UMS grade boundaries are published at Skills Challenge and Individual Component level.

On results day, you will be able to access grade boundaries for all Challenges and the Individual Project by opening the [link](#).

4. What to do if a candidate wants to query 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 for

- [Post-results review of moderation](#) – please note this is not available for individual candidates

For further details, please visit our [Post-Results Services](#) page and the information published by JCQ on [Post-Results Services](#) procedures.

5. When are certificates available?

Certificates for June 2019 will be sent to centres by **7 November**.

No certificates are issued in the January series.

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. Examinations Officers must inform WJEC of errors, in writing, not later than 9 September 2019. 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 results slip:

CENTRE NO.		CENTRE NAME				
CANDIDATE NO.	CANDIDATE NAME				DATE OF BIRTH	
CANDIDATE UCI			CANDIDATE ULN			
		UMS	Paper	Mark	Grade	
ADVANCED CASH IN	ADVANCED CASH IN	9003Q0				
INDIVIDUAL PROJECT	ADVANCED PROJECT	90S3U1	074	01:ADVANCED PROJECT	027 (072) P	
ADVANCED SKILLS CHALLENGE CERT	ADVANCED SC CERT	90S3Q0	149		E	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

- 1 Displays the qualification/component name
- 2 Displays the qualification/component number
- 3 Displays the UMS mark for the component
- 4 Displays the paper for which the candidate has been entered
- 5 Displays the raw mark achieved by the candidate
- 6 Displays the total raw mark available for the component
- 7 Displays the grade achieved for the qualification/component