



Guide to results Welsh Baccalaureate

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This document provides an overview of results for **Welsh Baccalaureate qualifications**. It gives detail on what to expect on results days, the documentation you'll receive, information on grade boundaries, and where additional advice and guidance can be found

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 2018, KS4 and Advanced component results will be issued on 8 March 2018.

For June 2018, the dates for publication of results are:

Advanced	Thursday 16 August
KS4 & Post 16	Thursday 23 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, following an Enquiries About Results (EAR), also known as Review of Marking or Moderation. Read more on EARs below as well as on our [Post-Results Services](#) page.

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 summer and January.

- For [each Challenge and the Individual Project](#), results will display a UMS mark and a grade.
- For the [Skills Challenge Certificate](#), results will display the total UMS for each Challenge and the Individual Project and an overall grade for the Skills Challenge Certificate. (Issued in summer series only).
- For the [Overall Welsh Baccalaureate](#), results will display either a P (Pass) or F (Fail) (Issued in summer series only).

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:

Level	Skills Challenge Certificate	Supporting Quals (<i>Both A & B must be achieved</i>)	
		A (<i>Achieved During or Prior 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 L1 or above And GCSE Mathematics – Numeracy <i>or</i> GCSE Mathematics at grade A* - G <i>or</i> Essential Application of Number Skill at L1 or above	Maximum of four Level 1 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 or above And GCSE Mathematics – Numeracy <i>or</i> GCSE Mathematics at grade A* - C <i>or</i> Essential Application of Number Skill at L2 or above	A maximum of four Level 2 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 vocational qualifications which total at least 600 GLH.

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

Welsh Baccalaureate challenges are awarded the following summative grades:

KS4 National/Foundation	L1 Pass	L2 Pass	L2 Merit	L2 Distinction
Post 16 National	L1 Pass	L2 Pass	L2 Merit	L2 Distinction
Post 16 Foundation	L1 Pass	L1 Merit		
Advanced	L3 Pass	L3 Merit	L3 Distinction	

The overall Welsh Baccalaureate is awarded as follows:

	Skills Challenge Certificate	Overall Welsh Baccalaureate
KS4 & Post 16 Foundation	Pass or Pass*	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**

Each challenge is allocated a total raw mark.

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

The Uniform Mark Scale (UMS) 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 qualification can be awarded a Foundation or National grade.

The National 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.

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

- Each Challenge and the Individual Project has a given number of raw marks. However, each Challenge and the Individual Project have different weightings. A weighting factor (also referred to as aggregating factor) is applied in calculating the total mark. Weighting explains why the raw marks for each Challenge and the Individual Project do not always add up to the total mark for the qualification. The weighted mark for each Challenge and the Individual Project 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 and do 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 Challenge level.

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

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.

4. When are certificates available?

Certificates for summer 2018 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. 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:

wjec cbac		WELSH BACCALAUREATE (AUGUST) 2016	
CENTRE NO.	CENTRE NAME		
CANDIDATE NO.	CANDIDATE NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	
CANDIDATE UCI		CANDIDATE ULN	

			UMS	Grade
FOUNDATION (POST 16) WELSH BACC	FOUND POST 16 CASH IN	9001Q0		F
INDIVIDUAL PROJECT	WB F P16 PROJECT	90S1U1	082	P 1
ENTERPRISE AND EMPLOYABILITY	WB F P16 CHALLENGE 1	90S1U2	042	M 1
GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP CHALLENGE	WB F P16 CHALLENGE 2	90S1U3	032	M 1
COMMUNITY CHALLENGE	WB F P16 CHALLENGE 3	90S1U4	024	P 1
FOUND POST16 SKILLS CHALLENGE CERT	FOUND POST 16 SK CHAL	90S1Q0	180	P