Guide to results

**Welsh Baccalaureate
Skills Challenge Components**

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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 June 2025 series, the publication of results is:

from 8:00 am on **Thursday 14 August** for Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced.

from 8.00 a.m. on **Thursday 21 August** for Welsh Baccalaureate National/ Foundation.
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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.

Results must not be divulged to others including local authorities and the media until after 9.30am on the relevant results day.

ii) What to expect

On results day, candidates normally receive a result slip showing their results.

At this point, 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 results displayed on a result slip

Results slips will show candidate results for each qualification and each challenge taken within that examination series.

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

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

Each challenge is awarded the following grades:

	National /Foundation	Advanced
Project	L1 Pass (P1), L2 Pass (P2), L2 Merit (M2), L2 Distinction (D2)	L3 Pass (P), L3 Merit (M) or L3 Distinction (D)
Enterprise & Employability	L1 Pass (P1), L2 Pass (P2), L2 Merit (M2), L2 Distinction (D2)	L3 Pass (P), L3 Merit (M) or L3 Distinction (D)
Global	L1 Pass (P1), L2 Pass (P2), L2 Merit (M2), L2 Distinction (D2)	L3 Pass (P), L3 Merit (M) or L3 Distinction (D)
Community	L1 Pass (P1), L2 Pass (P2), L2 Merit (M2), L2 Distinction (D2)	L3 Pass (P), L3 Merit (M) or L3 Distinction (D)

Candidates whose level of attainment in the Skills Challenge Certificate is below the minimum standard will receive an unclassified (U) result and will not receive a qualification certificate.

iv)   Symbols used on a result 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 or units.

2.   Understanding results

i)   Explaining grades

Individual project and challenge grades are reported as;

Advanced   L3 Pass, L3 Merit or L3 Distinction

National/Foundation   L1 Pass, L2 Pass, L2 Merit, L2 Distinction

Skills challenge certificates are reported as:

Advanced   A*- E

National   A* - C

Foundation   Pass or Pass*

Welsh Baccalaureate grades are reported as Pass or Fail.

ii)   Explaining marks

Raw marks

The individual project and each challenge is allocated a total raw mark.

Uniform Mark Scale (UMS)

Raw marks are converted into a uniform mark (UMS) which is used as a device for reporting, recording and aggregating candidates' challenge/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 unit was taken.

Uniform marks are reported as whole marks and so, where necessary, they will be subject to "rounding up" (e.g. a uniform mark of 19.6 will be reported as 20). Although rare, this may mean that a raw mark at the top end of the range of marks within a grade may convert to a rounded up uniform mark which equates to the next grade up. Please note that although the unit grade will not be raised as part of the rounding up process, the rounded up uniform mark will be used in the calculation of the overall grade.

The UMS grade boundaries for the individual project and the challenges are:

Advanced

	Max UMS	D	M	P
Individual Project	150	120	90	60
Enterprise & Employability	75	60	45	30
Global	75	60	45	30
Community	75	60	45	30

National/Foundation

	Max UMS	D2	M2	P2	P1
Individual Project	150	120	90	60	30
Enterprise & Employability	75	60	45	30	15
Global	75	60	45	30	15
Community	75	60	45	30	15

The UMS grade boundaries for the overall skills challenge certificates are:

Advanced

	Max	A*	A	B	C	D	E
Advanced Skills Challenge Certificate	300	270	240	210	180	150	120

In order to achieve the Skills Challenge Certificate, learners must achieve the individual project plus two challenges, with a minimum of all at a level 3 Pass.

The Advanced Skills Challenge Certificate is graded A* - E. To achieve the qualification, the learner must:

- obtain the minimum UMS mark for the qualification grade, and

- pass all three components with a minimum of all at a level 3 Pass.

National/Foundation

	National				Foundation	
Max	**A***	**A**	**B**	**C**	**Pass***	**Pass**
National/ Foundation Skills Challenge Certificate 300	270	240	180	120	90	60

In order to achieve the Skills Challenge Certificate, learners must achieve the individual project and the chosen challenge components.

The qualification can be awarded a Foundation or National grade.

The National Skills Challenge Certificate is graded A* - C. For a National award, the learner must:

- obtain the minimum UMS mark for the qualification grade, and

- pass all the chosen components.

The Foundation Skills Challenge Certificate is graded Foundation Pass or Foundation Pass*. For a Foundation award, the learner must:

- obtain the minimum UMS mark for the qualification grade, and

- pass all the chosen components.

iii) How are marks converted into grades

The overall qualification grade is calculated by adding together the uniform marks achieved in the individual challenges/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. 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, candidates receive the same grade for the same level of performance.

You can access unit grade boundaries and raw mark to UMS information in our Grade converter **here**.

For Qualification UMS grade boundaries, please refer to the relevant subject specifications under qualifications **here**.

4. Moderator reports

Moderator reports are available for download from the internal assessment / outcomes area on Portal up to 31 December 2025.

Centres that require reports after this date should contact the subject team directly to gain access to the report.

5. 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 by the centre for.

➢ Post-results review of moderation – please note this is not available for individual candidates.

Applications cannot be submitted by internal candidates or parents. Private candidates may contact WJEC's Post Results Services directly to submit an application.

For further details, please visit our Post-Results Services page and the information published by JCQ on **Post-Results Services** procedures.

Candidate consent is not required for a review of moderation as the original grade will not be lowered. However, candidates and centres should be aware that a lowered mark would be carried forward to future certification.

The outcome will be issued directly from WJEC to the school or college, who will then pass the information onto candidates. If a private candidate has applied directly to WJEC, the outcome will be issued to them. **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.**

6. When are certificates available

Certificates will be sent to centres by November.

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 5 September 2025. 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.