



Guide to results AS and A level

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1 Results Day

i) Collecting Exam Results

Candidates must collect their examination results from their centre, usually on the published Results Day for the qualifications they have sat.

For 2022, the publication of results is from 8:00am on **Thursday 18 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.

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 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.

Results slips will display an overall uniform mark (UMS) and grade for the subject, provided that the subject has been cashed-in for aggregation, as well as a uniform mark (UMS) and a grade for each unit. If an overall grade is expected but not included on the results slip, the Exams Officer at the centre should check that a cash-in entry has been made.

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 or units.

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).

A* is awarded to candidates who have achieved grade A in the overall A level qualification and who have also achieved 90% of the maximum uniform marks on the aggregate of their A2 units.

GCE (AS level)

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

ii) Explaining marks

- **Raw marks**

Each unit is allocated a total raw mark.

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

In unitised specifications raw marks are converted into a uniform mark (UMS) which is used as a device for reporting, recording and aggregating candidates' unit/component assessment outcomes. More information regarding UMS is available as a separate document here – [GCE](#) and a raw mark to UMS convertor can be found on [our website](#).

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.

iii) How are marks converted into grades?

The overall qualification grade is calculated by adding together the uniform marks achieved in the individual units. 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.

All WJEC AS and A Level qualifications are unitised. Grade boundaries for unitised qualifications remain the same every year and are published at overall subject and unit level. The grade boundaries are available on our WJEC [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.

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

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. 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**

5. When are certificates available?

Certificates will be sent to centres in November 2022.

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 9 September 2022. 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 unitised subjects, a UMS mark is shown for each unit, and the total UMS for the subject is shown in bold.

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

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

GCE JUNE 2017

CENTRE NO. 68000	CENTRE NAME TEST CENTRE
CANDIDATE NO. 50000	CANDIDATE NAME FORENAME SURNAME
	DATE OF BIRTH 01/01/99
CANDIDATE UCI XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	CANDIDATE ULN

		UMS	Paper	Mark	Grade
MATHEMATICS	A LEVEL CASH-IN	0047/90 515			A
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	A LEVEL QUALIFICATION A400QS		01:COMPONENT 1	051 (100)	c
			02:COMPONENT 2	050 (100)	P
			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

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.