

Film Studies results day FAQs

Important documents:

- Principal Examiners'/Moderators' Report – published in September
- Your centre report, for moderated units/components only – available on results day
- Candidate scripts (exam papers) for examined units/components only
- Item Level Data (ILD,) for examined components only – available on results day
- Guide to Post Results Services
- Grade boundaries
- Mark schemes, Question Papers - available on Portal after Results Day

Principal Examiners'/Moderators' Report – published in September

This is useful to inform your teaching for next year and beyond, as it will contain observations, and advice from the Principal Examiner or Moderator of each component. This document will be added to the main subject page on the public website, where you can find previous reports.

Your centre report, for moderated components only – available from results day via Portal

This should explain how accurate your assessment of the candidates was, and whether you applied the criteria correctly. Please access your report as soon as possible as it will be taken down from Portal in December.

Candidate scripts (exam papers) for examined /components only – available from results day

These are scanned copies of candidate exam papers which can be downloaded free of charge from the portal with your candidates' permission. Please check these before requesting reviews of marking. They are also useful to use as exemplars for your next cohort, provided you have candidates' permission and anonymise the scripts.

Item Level Data (ILD,) for examined units/components only – available from results day

Centre analysis, for examined units/components only – available with Item level data

This will be available on the Portal and will show a breakdown of how the marks were awarded to each candidate in examined units and components. It will also show the average marks awarded per item nationally.

Guide to Post Results Services

Available on the [post results website](#) to guide you through requesting any reviews of marking or moderation, including fees and deadlines.

Grade boundaries

These will be available on the [grade points website](#) from results day.

A common mistake with grade boundaries is to misread the multiplication factors, so please check carefully.

FAQs – Moderated Components

Why have my centre marks been adjusted (if applicable)

The moderation process is designed to ensure that all candidates in all centres are assessed to the same standard. If your marks have been altered it is not a reflection on you, but it is a sign that you may need to spend a bit of time reading the moderator's report and looking at the exemplar so that you can really understand the standard being applied. It is normal for a person's assessments to become progressively harsher or more lenient over time, if they are not re-standardised, and it is also very common for a person's judgement to be affected by factors such as how hard you know a candidate has worked, the barriers they have overcome etc.

Why have my some of marks been adjusted by different amounts?

During the moderation process the moderator reassesses a sample of your candidate work. Often a pattern can be identified (for example they are 8 marks too generous across the marks range) so a simple adjustment can be made. Other times there are no patterns to the discrepancies, and the centre will be passed to a senior moderator who will assess further work. The Subject Officer then makes the decision regarding adjustments to make which can be at individual candidate level.

My marks were not adjusted. Was my assessment spot on?

Not necessarily. You could still have been slightly too generous or slightly harsh, but not enough to trigger any changes being made. Read your moderator's report carefully as this will highlight any areas to look at. It is normal for a person's assessments to become harsher, or more generous over time.

I don't agree with my moderator's report. What can I do?

All reports are checked, but as we are all human beings we accept that occasionally mistakes will happen. Please email film@eduqas.co.uk with any concerns about the details in your report – give details of what you think may be wrong and we will be able to investigate for you.

What are Clerical Errors?

A Clerical Error is when there is a mistake in the calculations, a mistype (e.g. 35 instead of 53) or a mark being awarded to the wrong candidate. When a CE is input into the system, this shows up for the exams officer to see and they are asked to check the rest of the cohort for errors. The CE mark put in at this stage is not necessarily the final mark for the candidate. It is simply a correction of the error in coming to the final mark using the teacher's assessment. If you do not know why a CE has been identified, you can contact WJEC, and we will explain.

I think my Clerical Error is wrong. What should I do?

If you think that a CE has been applied incorrectly then please contact us as soon as possible with the evidence to show that the CE should be removed.

I have seen a few people on social media saying their marks were adjusted. Was it a “bad year” for this? Have the standards changed? Is there something we don’t know?

No. The standards are carefully maintained over time. Remember that people who are perfectly content with the situation will not usually post on social media. Only the minority who have had marks adjusted will consider sharing their feelings, particularly if they can do so anonymously.

Are marks ever adjusted upwards?

Yes.

I am not happy with the outcome of my moderation. What can I do next?

The first thing to consider is your centre report on moderation. Usually, when marks have been adjusted, a team leader as well as an experienced moderator will have seen the work. If, after reading the report, you wish to challenge the outcome of moderation you will need to apply for a Review of Moderation. You will need to refer to the process in the [Post Results Service website](#).

- You cannot have a review of moderation of individual candidates, only the whole cohort.
- There is a fee for this, as outlined in the PRS documentation.
- Please be aware that there is a deadline for applications, which is also in the PRS documentation.
- You do not need the permission of all candidates for a review of moderation.
- If the marks are changed in a review and a candidate chooses to re-sit the qualification and carry forward their NEA mark, the mark used will be the new re-moderated mark which may be lower than the mark initially awarded.

My review came back with the marks unchanged. I am still unhappy. What is my next step?

You can appeal the results of the review of moderation. Again, there is a fee, and all details are in the PRS documentation.

Who carries out the reviews? Will they make a change to the marks?

All reviews are carried out by an experienced moderator who has not previously been involved in the assessment of this centre. They are processed by a different Subject Officer who was also not involved in the initial marks’ adjustment. If the reviewer believes that the marks awarded were *not reasonable* then they will suggest a change.

Will there be more training available?

There are CPD events every year. The free online event focuses on 2025 assessment for all components. Details can be found in the Professional Learning area on the subject websites: [GCSE Film professional learning](#) [AS/AL Film professional learning](#)

The materials from previous events can be found on the Portal, and these include exemplar materials for all three units/components of each qualification.

FAQs – Examined Components

I would like to see the exam papers my candidates completed. How do I do this?

Follow your centre policy for obtaining consent from the candidate(s) and then your exams officer can download the scripts from the Portal, via “Access to Scripts” which is part of the Post Results Service. You will be able to download a scan of the candidate’s paper.

Is there a summary of the marks awarded, in one document?

Yes. It is called *Item Level Data*, and it exists for all examined units and components. Your exams officer can download it from the Portal. It will come with some analysis of your centre’s performance compared to the national picture.

Grade boundaries: How do I work out the overall marks based on the weightings?

400 is the standard for all A level courses.

The weightings enable the 400 to be converted to:

Comp 1: 140 (35%)

Comp 2: 140 (35%)

Comp 3: 120 (30%)

If you multiply Component 1 marks by 1.167, Component 2 marks by 1.4 and Component 3 marks by 2, then add up the three totals, it will give you an overall mark that fits within the grade boundaries.

Can I see the marking scheme?

Yes, the marking scheme for each timetabled exam will be uploaded onto Portal on the day results are published. Marking schemes for NEA are in the specification.

I think my candidate deserves more marks because a correct answer has been marked wrong on their paper. What do I do?

In this situation you can apply for a review of marking. Follow the instructions on the PRS guide.

I think my candidate’s essay was worth more marks than the examiner gave it. What do I do?

Again, you can apply for a review of marking.

Do I need the candidate’s permission for a review of marking?

Yes, because marks and grades can be adjusted *up or down* in a review of marking.

Can marks and grades be lowered in a review of marking?

Yes, so you should consider very carefully whether applying for a review is in the candidate’s best interests, particularly if there is a university place at stake, and discuss this with the candidate – and if appropriate, their parents – before they sign to give consent.

Do I have to have every exam paper reviewed or can it just be one candidate?

Reviews of marking in examined units and components are done on an individual candidate basis.

What should I consider before I apply for a review of marking?

The decision rests with the centre and the candidate, but you may like to consider the following:

- Look carefully at the paper and the marking scheme. Can you see any “missed marks” anywhere?
- Read any comments written by the examiner very carefully and consider how the language relates to the marking scheme – especially in the longer answers which have a banded marks scheme.

Who carries out the reviews? Will they make a change to the marks?

All reviews are carried out by an experienced examiner who has not previously been involved in the assessment of this candidate.

In the shorter answers for low-tariff GCSE questions, if the marking scheme has been misapplied then the mark will be changed.

In the longer answer examination questions with a banded marking scheme, the reviewer is asked if the mark awarded was reasonable. If the reviewer believes that the marks awarded were *not reasonable* then they will make a change. The regulators state that an awarding body may not exchange one reasonable mark for another, so very small changes are unlikely, unless they are due to a clerical error.

At Eduqas we strive to make sure that every candidate receives a fair and accurate grade, and as such, if an error or an unreasonable mark is detected in a review of marking or moderation, we will correct it.

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If you have more questions, please contact the Film team film@eduqas.co.uk