

Despite the cancellation of the summer examinations due to the COVID-19 pandemic this year, most students will still receive calculated grades this summer.

This year your grades will be based on Centre Assessment Grades and Rank Orders which have been submitted to us by your teachers/lecturers. These were based on a combination of factors including mock examinations, completed non exam assessments and other assessed pieces of work. Grades were then quality assured by headteachers at your school/college before being submitted to us.

To ensure that standards are maintained, we will be standardising your grades using statistical processes which have been developed by WJEC and approved by Qualifications Wales, which regulates qualifications in Wales.

## **What is standardising?**

Each year we maintain standards through setting similarly challenging assessments, monitoring the standard of marking to ensure it is accurate and consistent, and deciding on grade boundaries to ensure that standards are comparable from year to year. As this year you have not had the opportunity to sit your assessments, we will be adopting a statistical process which will ensure that we maintain grading standards. Through this process, you can be assured that you are receiving a fair grade, which is at a consistent standard to previous and future years.

## **What information will be used?**

Using a statistical approach approved by Qualifications Wales, our expert staff will be considering the following factors:

- Past results from your school/college
- Prior attainment information for this year's students
- National results for each subject from previous years

These factors, along with information provided by your school/college, will be used to ensure grades are awarded fairly and will be of equal value to those awarded to students in previous years.

## **Does the type of qualification influence what information will be used?**

AS/A level and GCSE qualifications approved by Qualifications Wales have different structures, therefore, we will use different information to produce the final qualification grades. For example, students taking A level this year, will have taken AS levels last year, which contributes 40% to their final A level grade. Consequently, the marks from these completed AS assessments will be a more significant factor than past results from your school and college.

In contrast, for linear GCSE qualifications such as geography, we don't have this evidence of prior attainment, therefore the past results from your school and college will be a more significant factor. In all cases, you will be given a fair qualification grade which will allow you to progress.

## **What if I'm not happy with my results?**

If you are unhappy with your results, you should to speak to the Exams Officer within your school/college, who may be able to appeal on your behalf. Further information is available on our fact sheet on Appeals.