# Guide to results
# Welsh Baccalaureate

January 2021

# 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 2021, Key Stage 4 (KS4) and Advanced component results will be issued on **Thursday 4 March**.

Schools and colleges should inform all candidates of the arrangements for obtaining their results and with which members of school or college staff they should discuss any results queries or concerns. It may be necessary for arrangements to be different to those in previous years, and these arrangements will need to take account of the latest government advice for your area.

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 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, Review of Marking or Moderation. Read more our Post-Results Services page (see section 4).

## iii) How are results displayed on a result slip?

Results slips will show candidate results for each Challenge taken within that examination series.

- For **the Enterprise and Employability, Global and Community Challenges and the Individual Projec**t, results will display a UMS mark, a grade, the raw mark and in brackets the total mark.

## 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 minimum requirements:

| Level | Skills Challenge Certificate | Supporting Quals (*Both A & B must be achieved*) | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | **A** *(Achieved During or Prior to Registration)* | **B** *(Achieved during Registration)* |
| KS4 Foundation | Pass or Pass* | GCSE English Language *or* GCSE Welsh Language at grade A* - G **And** GCSE Mathematics – Numeracy *or* 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 *or* GCSE Welsh Language at grade A* - C **And** GCSE Mathematics – Numeracy *or* 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 *or* GCSE Welsh Language at grade A* - G *or* Essential Communication Skill at Level1 (L1) or above **And** GCSE Mathematics – Numeracy *or* GCSE Mathematics at grade A* - G *or* Essential Application of Number Skill at Level1 (L1) or above | Maximum of four Level 1 (L1) qualifications with a total of at least 300 GLH |
| Post 16 National | A*- C | GCSE English Language *or* GCSE Welsh Language at grade A* - C *or* Essential Communication Skill at L2 or above **And** GCSE Mathematics – Numeracy *or* GCSE Mathematics at grade A* - C *or* Essential Application of Number Skill at Level 2 (L2) or above | A maximum of four Level 2 (L2) qualifications with a total of at least 300 GLH. |
| Advanced | A*- E | GCSE English Language *or* GCSE Welsh Language at grade A* - C **And** GCSE Mathematics – Numeracy *or* 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 (L3) 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 |

The Enterprise and Employability, Global and Community challenges and the Individual Project are awarded the following summative grades:

| KS4 National/Foundation | Level 1 Pass (P1) | Level 2 Pass (P2) | Level 2 Merit (M2) | Level 2 Distinction (D2) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Post 16 National | Level 1 Pass (L1) | Level 2 Pass (P2) | Level 2 Merit (M2) | Level 2 Distinction (D2) |
| Post 16 Foundation | Level 1 Pass (P1) | Level 1 Merit (M1) | | |
| Advanced | Level 3 Pass (P) | Level 3 Merit (M) | Level 3 Distinction (D) | |

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

| | Skills Challenge Certificate | Welsh Baccalaureate |
|---|---|---|
| KS4 & Post 16 Foundation | Pass (P) or Pass* (P*) | 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**

A raw mark is the number of marks a candidate achieves on an exam or assessment.

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

The UMS mark is a conversion of the raw mark. It 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**

### iii)   How are marks converted into grades

The overall qualification grade is calculated by adding together the uniform marks achieved in the individual 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 and may 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 grade does not change. UMS grade boundaries are published at Skills Challenge and Individual Component level.

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

## 4.   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. **In view of the ongoing pandemic it is advised that candidates liaise closely with their centres to establish how best to contact them during the period immediately after results. Candidates must liaise with their centre for the outcome of queries on results. WJEC cannot confirm result query outcomes directly to candidates.**

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.

## 5.   When are certificates available?

No certificates are issued in the January series.

Appendix 1

Example results slip:



| | | | UMS | Paper | Mark | Grade |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ADVANCED CASH IN | **ADVANCED CASH IN** | 9003Q0 | | | | |
| INDIVIDUAL PROJECT | ADVANCED PROJECT | 90S3U1 | 074 | 01:ADVANCED PROJECT | 027 (072) | P |
| ADVANCED SKILLS CHALLENGE CERT | **ADVANCED SC CERT** | 90S3Q0 | 149 | | | E |

**SUMMARY OF RESULTS**

WELSH BACCALAUREATE JUNE 2019

| CENTRE NO. | CENTRE NAME | |
|---|---|---|
| CANDIDATE NO. | CANDIDATE NAME | DATE OF BIRTH |
| CANDIDATE UCI | CANDIDATE ULN | |

1        2    3        4        5  6  7

**1**    Displays the qualification/component name

**2**    Displays the qualification/component number

**3**    Displays the UMS mark for the component

**4**    Displays the paper for which the candidate has been entered

**5**    Displays the raw mark achieved by the candidate

**6**    Displays the total raw mark available for the component

**7**    Displays the grade achieved for the qualification/component