

We recognise that it's been a tough year for students, and that you will have faced disruption to your learning, and changes to the way that you study. Here's a brief summary of what's changed, and what you can expect to happen next.



WHAT'S CHANGING?

Following the cancellation of this summer's exams, the Welsh Government, having taken advice from the Design and Delivery Advisory Group, has decided that grades for GCSE, AS and A levels will be based on Centre-Determined Grades.

WHAT ARE CENTRE-DETERMINED GRADES?

Your teacher or lecturer will consider your assessment evidence and will reach a judgement on an appropriate grade to award you for your GCSE, AS and A level qualifications. The entire process will be quality assured by senior school and college staff, and also by WJEC. At the end of the process you will receive a final Centre-Determined Grade.



HOW WILL YOU BE ASSESSED?

Your school or college will need to make sure that you cover a sufficient breadth of the qualification content so that you can be given a grade this summer and are able to progress.

Your school or college will choose the appropriate evidence that they will use to inform your grade. This could include mock exams, other materials provided by WJEC, NEA and other assessed work. Your school or college will develop their approach to assessment and quality assurance, in line with guidance WJEC will provide. Once their approach is finalised, your school or college will let you know how you will be assessed for every subject.



WHAT ABOUT VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS?

We know that this is particularly uncertain time for you, and that you require clarity. There are ongoing discussions between the various regulators about the approach for vocational qualifications offered across the UK, including Level 1/2 and 3 certificates and diplomas.

We want to reassure you that at WJEC you are given the same priority as other students, and we will share further information with you as soon as we know more.

For vocational qualifications approved by Qualifications Wales (Health and Social Care and Child Care qualifications and Essential Skills Wales) we have provided information on the relevant pages of our websites.



WHAT ABOUT THE SKILLS CHALLENGE CERTIFICATE?

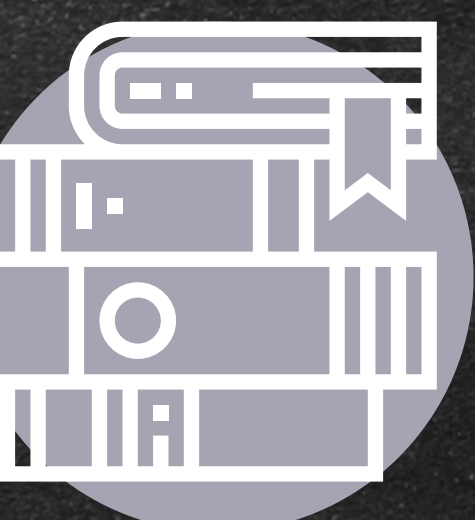
Similarly to how you will be awarded for GCSE, AS and A level qualifications, your school or college will award your grades based on work that you have completed during your studies.

Your school or college will confirm how you will be assessed for the Skills Challenge Certificate.

WHEN WILL YOUR RESULTS BE ISSUED?

Discussions are currently ongoing between various government departments, and our regulators, Qualifications Wales, and Ofqual.

We will share information with you about Results Days in Wales as soon as we know more.



WHAT SHOULD YOU BE DOING NOW?

You should continue with your learning to make sure you have the right level of understanding and knowledge to progress. There's a whole host of free teaching and learning resources available to help you - including at WJEC, BBC Bitesize and Hwb.

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