The Pearson Edexcel Mathematics Awards (Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3)

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What are the Pearson Edexcel Mathematics Awards?

The Pearson Edexcel Mathematics Awards are a suite of stand-alone academic qualifications in mathematics which support the GCSE, International GCSE, BTEC and GCE qualifications that are offered in schools and colleges.

Each award:

- takes approximately 60-70 hours to deliver as a stand-alone (roughly the size of half a GCSE)
- is assessed externally through written papers
- is awarded pass or unclassified
- is available at different levels (Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3)

2. What Pearson Edexcel Mathematics Awards are available?

The following Awards have been accredited:

- Pearson Edexcel Level 1 Award in Number and Measure
- Pearson Edexcel Level 2 Award in Number and Measure
- Pearson Edexcel Level 2 Award in Algebra
- Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Award in Algebra

3. Which students are these qualifications aimed at?

These qualifications are aimed at students who:

- need to develop their mathematical skills in a particular area (e.g. number and measure or algebra) and build confidence in the subject before progressing to GCSE or GCE mathematics or further study
- want to gain a qualification which demonstrates their mathematical ability.

4. Do these qualifications attract performance table points?

None of the qualifications receive performance table points.

5. How are the Pearson Edexcel Mathematics Awards assessed?

The Pearson Edexcel Mathematics Awards are externally assessed. The table below shows the structure of the written papers.

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<th>Duration</th>
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<td>2</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>2 hours</td>
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More information can be accessed via our dedicated webpage at quals.pearson.com/edexcelmathsaward. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Mathematics team by emailing us at teachingmaths@pearson.com.
6. Do the level 3 awards get UCAS points?

Yes the Level 3 Award in Algebra does attach a total of 3 UCAS points. More information can be found on page 143 of the UCAS Tariff Table document.

7. When are the examinations available for students to take?

The Pearson Edexcel Awards suite is available in January and May every year.

8. How and when are results published?

Students will be awarded pass or unclassified. Results from Level 1 and Level 2 examinations taken in May will be published on GCSE results day in August. Results from Level 3 examinations taken in May/June will be published on GCE results day in August. Results from examinations taken in January will be published mid-March.

9. When can I start teaching these qualifications?

The Pearson Edexcel Awards in Number and Measure have been available for first teaching from September 2011 and the Pearson Edexcel Awards in Algebra have been available for first teaching from October 2012. The content and assessment of the qualifications have been designed to fit flexibly in to the programme of delivery for schools and colleges and because each Award only takes 60-70 guided learning hours you can start straight away or wait until later in the year.

10. Do I need approval to offer these qualifications at my centre?

If you already run any GCSE or GCE qualifications in your centre then you do not need any additional approval to run these qualifications. If you are not an approved Pearson Edexcel centre, you can apply for approval at https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/demo/en/support/support-topics/centre-administration/becoming-a-centre.html

11. How do I make entries for these qualifications?

Entries should be made in the same way as entries are made for other qualifications. Our information manual contains all the practical information you need to deliver our qualifications.

The table below shows details of the entry codes.

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12. What are the entry fees for these qualifications?

Entry fees are available on our website [here](quals.pearson.com/edexcelawardnumber).

13. What support is available for these qualifications?

- **Web support** – our dedicated qualification webpages at quals.pearson.com/edexcelawardnumber and quals.pearson.com/edexcelawardalgebra. Generic information about the suite can be found at quals.pearson.com/edexcelmathsaward.

- **Mathematics Emporium** – sign up for the mailing list to ensure you have all the relevant information and support when you need it. Also register for an account at www.mathsempoium.com for access to over 6,000 documents relating to all our mathematics qualifications and follow us on twitter @EmporiumMaths for all the latest news and updates from our subject partners.

- **Teacher support materials and resources** – The following teaching and learning support is available for the Edexcel Awards qualifications:
  - content mappings to the reformed GCSE and GCE qualifications
  - scheme of work
  - practice paper and mark schemes
  - past papers, mark schemes and grade boundaries
  - paid-for workbooks

All of this support is available under ‘course material’s on each of the qualification webpages.

- **ResultsPlus** – as with our GCSE and GCE mathematics qualifications, our free online results analysis tool gives teachers a detailed breakdown of your students’ performance in the Awards. More information about ResultsPlus services can be found at quals.pearson.com/ResultsPlus

14. How long will these qualification continue to be offered?

These qualifications will continue to be offered indefinitely. If this changes at any time, you will be updated accordingly.

15. How can I find information regarding funding for this qualification?

All information regarding funding can be found on our website [here](quals.pearson.com/edexcelmathsaward).