

The Edexcel Mathematics Awards (Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3) Frequently Asked Questions

1. What are the Edexcel Mathematics Awards?

The Edexcel Mathematics Awards are a suite of stand-alone academic qualifications in mathematics which support the GCSE, International GCSE, Certificate, 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 Edexcel Mathematics Awards are available?

The following Awards have been accredited:

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

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, algebra or statistical methods) 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. Who are these qualifications approved and funded for?

The Edexcel Awards in Number and Measure, Algebra and Statistical Methods are currently approved for pre-16 students and 16–18 year olds in England and for all students in Wales. They are approved but not funded for 19+ students in England.

Please note that, for 16–18 year olds in England, the Edexcel Awards are **not** on the list of English and Maths qualifications that meet the condition of funding requirements that came into play for 2014–15 (see Annex D of the [EFA 2013–14 Funding Regulations](#)).

However, provided the learner takes a qualification from the list (Functional Maths/GCSE Mathematics/FSMQ) within their programme of study, then they are free to deliver the Awards as part of the programme of study. We will be working to see if the Awards can be added to the condition of funding list.

LLDD students will of course be treated appropriately, and what is offered here will very much depend on the student. The English and Maths learning offered to these students will be based on provider judgement. See paragraph 5 of Annex D of the [EFA 2013–14 Funding Regulations](#).

5. Did the Edexcel Awards suite attract performance table points in England in 2013?

Yes, but only as part of the wider performance measures.

6. Will the Edexcel Awards suite attract performance table points in England from 2014 onwards?

No, the Edexcel Awards will not attract performance table points from 2014 onwards.

7. How many performance table points did the Awards attract in 2013?

	Grade	Contribution to L1 threshold	Contribution to L2 threshold	Contribution to L3 threshold	Performance Points
Level 1 Awards	Pass	10.00	0.00	0.00	12.50
Level 2 Awards	Pass	10.00	10.00	0.00	23.00
Level 3 Awards	Pass	0.00	0.00	10.00	42.00

8. How are the Edexcel Mathematics Awards assessed?

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

Level	Duration	Number of marks
1	1 hour 30 minutes	80
2	1 hour 30 minutes	80
3	2 hours	90

9. Do the level 3 awards get UCAS points?

The Level 3 Awards will each receive 7 UCAS points.

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

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

11. 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 in early March.

12. When can I start teaching these qualifications?

All the Edexcel Awards are now available for teaching.

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.

13. I am interested in offering one or more of these qualifications, what should I do next?

Visit the Awards pages on the Edexcel website, click on “Let us know you’re interested” and fill in the form to register your interest. We can then ensure you are kept fully informed and supported. We will send you a hard copy of the specification and sample assessment materials, which can also be found online on the Awards pages on the Edexcel website and on the [Maths Emporium](#).

14. 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 Edexcel centre you can apply for approval on the Edexcel website.

15. How do I make entries for these qualifications?

Section 11 of the UK Information Manual on the Edexcel website contains all of the information you need to administer these qualifications.

Section 2 (Key dates) of the UK Information Manual on the Edexcel website includes information on entry deadlines and late fees.

The table below shows details of the entry codes. Please note that Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 entries must be made separately.

Qualification Title	Qualification	(Entry) Code
Level 1 Award in Number and Measure		ANM10
Level 2 Award in Number and Measure		ANM20
Level 2 Award in Algebra		AAL20
Level 3 Award in Algebra		AAL30
Level 1 Award in Statistical Methods		AST10
Level 2 Award in Statistical Methods		AST20
Level 3 Award in Statistical Methods		AST30

16. What are the entry fees for these qualifications?

The fee for 2013–14 has been set at £15.75 per entry.

17. What support is available for these qualifications?

- (a) **Web support** – our dedicated qualification webpages can be found on the Edexcel website.
- (b) **Mathematics Emporium** - sign up for the mailing list specifically created for this suite of qualifications to ensure you have all the relevant information and support when you need it. Also register for an account at www.edexcelmaths.com for access to over 8,000 documents relating to all our mathematics qualifications.
- (c) **Teacher support materials and resources** – schemes of work, past papers, mark schemes, examiner reports and practice papers are available for all the Edexcel Awards and can be found on their respective webpages.
- (d) **ResultsPlus** – as with our GCSE and GCE mathematics qualifications, our comprehensive exam analysis service, including the Mock Analysis Service, is now available for these Awards.