

Edexcel International GCSE

THE 9-1 GRADING SCALE EXPLAINED

CURRENT	NEW	
A*	9	The new grade 9 represents a new level of attainment and has been introduced to differentiate your top performing students.
A	8	The bottom of the grade 7 aligns with the bottom of the grade A.
B	7	There's greater differentiation in the middle of the scale, with grades 6, 5 and 4 being equivalent to the old grades B and C.
C	6	The bottom of the grade 4 aligns with the bottom of the grade C.
D	5	
E	4	
F	3	
G	2	The bottom of the grade 1 aligns with the bottom of the grade G.
U	1	
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* The Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual) who regulate qualifications, examinations and assessments in England.
 ** however many universities will continue to primarily focus on A Level and International A Level results that meet their admission criteria.



9-1 GRADING FACTS

FACT

The new 9-1 grading scale was introduced by the UK government as part of GCSE reform in England and Ofqual* is responsible for implementing these changes in the UK.



FACT

Grade 9 is not the same as A*. 9 is a new grade, designed to recognise the very highest performing students. So there will be fewer grade 9s than there are currently A*s.



FACT

The bottom of the grade 7 aligns with the bottom of the grade A, the bottom of the grade 4 aligns with the bottom of the grade C and the bottom of the grade 1 aligns with the bottom of the grade G. 9-1 will be awarded using the same reliable processes as the old A*-G grading.



FACT

The legacy A*-G GCSEs are being phased out for students in England.

FACT

By 2019, over 5 million GCSEs will be awarded using the 9-1 grading scale. Our International GCSE students will have the same opportunity, with the majority of them receiving their first 9-1 grades in 2019.



FACT

You can't directly compare the two scales. The legacy A*-G grading scale had 8 points, and the new, 9-1 grading scale has 9 providing greater differentiation across the scale, so the two will never be fully comparable.

FACT

Only the top 20% of candidates that would have achieved a Grade A and above will achieve a Grade 9 in the new qualifications.

FACT

Pearson Edexcel was the first awarding body to offer this scale for International GCSEs, announcing the move early, to ensure that teachers, parents, students, ministries and universities had enough time to prepare for this change.



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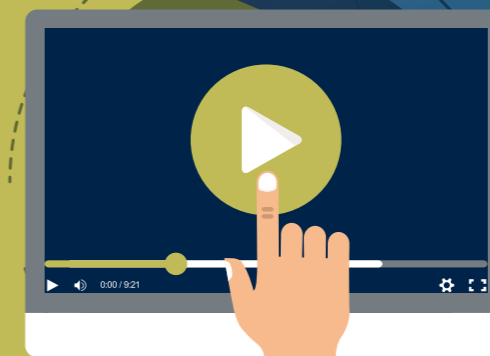
Universities will continue to accept GCSE and International GCSE qualifications using the new 9-1 grading scale**

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Watch the UK government's video about the new 9-1 grading



"The proposed model and assessment questions would certainly support progression to higher levels and secure these qualifications as being rigorous and challenging."

Alison, Aston University, UK

