

Support for determining grades in summer 2021

Key support links and documents in one, easy-to-navigate place for UK and International qualifications



UK general qualifications support

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Key Documents	Overview	Link	Who it is for?
JCQ Guidance Document	The key reference document to refer to as you work to determine grades this summer. Contains many of the key links and documents you will require.	JCQ Guidance Document	Heads of Centre, Heads of Department, Teachers – UK qualifications.
JCQ Centre Policy	The JCQ centre policy document that can be used for UK qualifications.	JCQ Centre Policy	Heads of Centre, Heads of Department, Teachers – UK qualifications.
Assessment Record Sheet	The JCQ document to record cohort and student evidence used for determining grades in summer 2021.	Downloadable document from the JCQ website	Heads of Centre, Heads of Department, Teachers.
Head of Department Checklist	The JCQ document for Heads of Department that can be used to support the quality assurance process.	Downloadable document from the JCQ website	Heads of Centre, Heads of Department, Teachers.
Grade Descriptors	The JCQ grade descriptors developed to support grading for GCSE and AS/A levels in summer 2021.	GCSEs AS/A levels	Heads of Centre, Heads of Department, Teachers.
Additional Assessment Materials (sets of questions, mark schemes and mapping)	Organised assessment materials by topics or themes that have previously been unpublished and held behind a secure password. Released for TEACHERS ONLY.	Available under 'Summer 2021 Assessment Materials for centres' for GCSEs Available under 'Summer 2021 Assessment Materials for centres' for AS/A levels	Heads of Department, Teachers.
Checklists and support for Grading, Quality Assurance, Additional Assessment Materials	A collection of general resources to support you with some of the key processes that will be used to determine grades in summer 2021. These are not subject specific.	Professional Development Academy	Heads of Centre, Heads of Department, Teachers.
Marking guidance and attainment data	Marking exemplification examples that show how marks may be applied to real life examples. Could be used to support grading.	Available under 'Exemplar Materials' for GCSEs Available under 'Exemplar Materials' for AS/A levels Attainment data	Heads of Department, Teachers.
Grading exemplification and additional assessment materials made publicly available	Grading exemplification that show real life examples of students meeting criteria for certain grades. Could be used to support grading and quality assurance. The sets of organised questions are made publicly available. Mark schemes will not be released.	Available under 'Summer 2021 Assessment Materials for centres' for GCSEs Available under 'Summer 2021 Assessment Materials for centres' for AS/A levels	Heads of Department, Teachers.
Further general support for Grading, Quality Assurance, Additional Assessment Materials	A further release of general support videos to support you with some of the key processes that will be use to determine grades in summer 2021. These are not subject specific.	Professional Development Academy	Heads of Department, Teachers.
Support for Appeals	A collection of resources to support the Appeals process for summer 2021	<i>Coming soon</i>	Heads of Centre, Heads of Department, Teachers.

International general qualifications support

- 1 April
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- 1 April
- 26 April – 14 May
- 4 May
- 4 May
- 4 May
- 17 May
- 4 June

Key Documents	Overview	Link	Who it is for?
Pearson International Guidance Document	The key reference document to refer to as you work to determine grades for international qualifications this summer. Contains many of the key links and documents you will require.	Pearson International Guidance Document	Heads of Centre, Heads of Department, Teachers.
Centre Policy	The editable Pearson centre policy document that can be used for international qualifications.	Downloadable document from the summer 2021 support website under 'Grading Guidance for International GCSE and International AS/A level'	Heads of Centre, Heads of Department, Teachers.
Assessment Record Sheet	The JCQ document to record cohort and student evidence used for determining grades in summer 2021.	Downloadable document from the JCQ website	Heads of Centre, Heads of Department, Teachers.
Head of Department Checklist	The JCQ document for Heads of Department that can be used to support the quality assurance process.	Downloadable document from the JCQ website	Heads of Centre, Heads of Department, Teachers.
Additional guides, checklists and training	Resources to support you with the determination of grades including grade descriptors, exemplification, and quality assurance checklists.	Professional Development Academy	Heads of Centre, Heads of Department, Teachers.
Unseen Assessment Materials Schedule	The unseen assessments will be released at 6am on the day of the scheduled date via our Secure Download Service. Hard copies have been sent to centres and must not be used before the scheduled date.	Secure Download Service	Heads of Centre, Heads of Department, Teachers, Exams Officers.
Appeals Guidance	Guidance, advice, checklists, training, and videos on the appeals process this summer.	Professional Development Academy	Heads of Centre, Heads of Department, Teachers.
Additional Assessment Materials (mark schemes and mapping for past papers)	Organised assessment materials by topics or themes that have previously been unpublished and held behind a secure password. Released for TEACHERS ONLY.	<i>Coming soon – will be accessible via the summer 2021 support website</i>	Heads of Department, Teachers.
Grade Descriptors	The Pearson grade descriptors developed to support grading for International GCSE and International AS/A level in summer 2021.	<i>Coming soon</i>	Heads of Centre, Heads of Department, Teachers.
Grade Exemplification and Unseen assessment mark schemes released.	Grading exemplification that show real life examples of students meeting criteria for certain grades. Could be used to support grading and quality assurance.	<i>Coming soon – will be accessible via the summer 2021 support website</i>	Heads of Department, Teachers.
Unseen assessment final standardised mark schemes released.	The final Principal Examiner assured mark schemes that accompany the unseen assessments will be released.	<i>Coming soon – but accessible via the summer 2021 support website</i>	Heads of Department, Teachers.