



## Joint Council for Qualifications

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### Notice to Centres - release of general qualification results June 2018 examinations

(For the attention of heads of centre, senior leaders and examination officers)

### Restricted release of results to centres only

Electronic copies of results will be released to centres, either through secure means on awarding body extranet sites or via A2C as follows:

Date	Qualifications
0001 hours on Wednesday 15 August 2018	GCE, FSMQ, AEA, Extended Project
0001 hours on Wednesday 22 August 2018	GCSE, ELC Foundation and Higher Projects

The results are issued on the strict understanding that the results files and their contents remain entirely confidential to the head of centre, examinations office staff and those teaching staff within the centre or the consortium that, in the opinion of the head of centre, need to be made aware of the information.

The results, or information derived from results, **must not** be divulged to or discussed with:

- other teachers;
- candidates or parents;
- educational institutions and Local Authorities;
- the Press;
- any other persons.

Additionally the results, or information derived from results, must not be divulged or discussed on social media such as Facebook or Twitter.

Centres **must not** release results data to Local Authorities until after 9.30am on the appropriate date for the publication of results.

Similarly, centres **must not** release press releases or statements to the media under any circumstances until after 9.30am on the appropriate date for the publication of results.

Results data **must not** be shared more widely until after the candidates have received their results.

Any breach of these requirements will be considered as malpractice by an awarding body.

Centres should note that results are issued on a provisional basis and may be subject to amendment through the published enquiries about results services.

Candidate statements of provisional results are not certificates. An awarding body reserves the right to amend examination results prior to the issue of certificates.

## Use of electronic result files

Awarding bodies do not provide paper copies of candidates' provisional results. Centres will need to use the electronic result files to prepare the information that is released to candidates.

**Where candidates need to provide their provisional results to third parties, such as Sixth Form or FE Colleges, we strongly recommend that the candidate statements of provisional results are printed on school letter headed paper and/or stamped with the school name and logo.**

## Release of results to candidates

Results may be released to candidates as follows:

Date	Qualifications
0600 hours on Thursday 16 August 2018	GCE, FSMQ, AEA Extended Project
0600 hours on Thursday 23 August 2018	GCSE, ELC Foundation and Higher Projects

Results **must** only be sent to candidates to arrive **after 0600 hours** on the appropriate date for the publication of results. **Candidates must not receive results, by post or otherwise, prior to this time.**

The awarding bodies reserve the right to withdraw the special concession of providing early information about results electronically, to any centre which is found to be in breach of these requirements.

**Any breach of these requirements will be considered as malpractice by an awarding body.**

## Sixth Form and FE colleges

Sixth Form and FE colleges will see students supplying centre-endorsed results for enrolment purposes, e.g. results printed on school letter headed paper and/or stamped with the school name and logo.

**There is no distinction between provisional results data generated from an awarding body's extranet site or via a centre's MIS package (which in the majority of cases will list the results from all awarding bodies).** The provisional results are subject to change.

Where there is doubt, Sixth Form and FE colleges should liaise with schools to establish the candidate's results or alternatively, request from the candidate his/her certificates once issued. The certificate is the final record of a candidate's achievement(s).