

Grade Boundaries

International GCSE

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Understanding International GCSE grade boundaries

This document shows the grade boundaries for our suite of International GCSE qualifications. For each set of grade boundaries, the maximum number of available marks is also shown.

International GCSEs are linear qualifications and only the maximum mark and grade boundaries for the overall qualification are available. These are given in raw marks.

Definition of terms

A grade boundary is the minimum mark at which a letter grade can be achieved. For example, if the grade boundary for a B is 60 marks, then 60 is the minimum mark at which a B can be achieved. A mark of 59 would therefore be a C grade.

For modular qualifications, assessments can be taken in various exam sessions throughout the duration of the course.

For linear qualifications, all assessments must be taken in the same exam session.

A raw mark is the actual mark awarded by the teacher or examiner for an assessment. Raw mark scores can be downloaded by Exams Officers from Edexcel Online.

You can find out more about marks at www.edexcel.com/results

Accounting												
Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	
4AC0	Accounting	Raw	100	88	77	66	55	49	43	38	33	0

Arabic (First Language)												
Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	
4AR0	Arabic	Raw	100	81	73	65	57	45	33	21	9	0

Bangladesh Studies												
Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	
4BN0	Bangladesh Studies	Raw	120	85	74	63	53	44	35	26	17	0

Bengali												
Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	
4BE0	Bengali	Raw	100	76	69	62	55	47	40	33	26	0

Biology												
Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	
4BI0	Biology (Papers 1B and 2B)	Raw	180	129	112	95	78	67	57	47	37	0
4BI0	Biology (Papers 1BR and 2BR)	Raw	180	128	111	94	77	67	58	49	40	0

Business Studies												
Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	
4BS0	Business Studies	Raw	100	76	64	52	40	35	31	27	23	0

Chemistry												
Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	
4CH0	Chemistry (Papers 1C and 2C)	Raw	180	137	120	103	86	75	64	53	42	0
4CH0	Chemistry (Papers 1CR and 2CR)	Raw	180	138	119	100	82	73	65	57	49	0

Chinese												
Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	
4CN0	Chinese (Papers 01 and 02)	Raw	100	93	86	74	63	54	45	37	29	0
4CN0	Chinese (Paper 03 - Endorsed Speaking)	Raw	60	49	43	37	31	25	19	13	7	0

Classical Arabic												
Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	
4CA0	Classical Arabic	Raw	100	85	70	53	36	28	20	13	6	0

Commerce												
Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	
4CM0	Commerce	Raw	100	70	60	50	41	34	27	21	15	0

Economics

Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	
4ECO	Economics	Raw	120	90	79	68	57	50	44	38	32	0

English as a Second Language

Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	
4ES0	English as a Second Language (Papers 01 and 02)	Raw	100	90	80	69	59	52	45	38	31	0
4ES0	English as a Second Language (Paper 03 - Endorsed Speaking)	Raw	20	18	17	14	12	10	8	6	4	0

English Language A

Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	
4EA0	English Language A: Route 1 - Exam only (Papers 1 and 2)	Raw	100	72	62	52	43	36	29	23	17	0
4EA0	English Language A: Route 2 - With coursework (Papers 1, 3 and 4)	Raw	100	77	67	57	47	38	30	22	14	0
4EA0	English Language A: Route 2 - With transferred coursework (Papers 1, 3T and 4T)	Raw	100	77	67	57	47	38	30	22	14	0

English Language B

Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	
4EB0	English Language B	Raw	100	79	73	67	61	50	39	29	19	0

English Literature

Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	
4ET0	English Language A: Route 1 - Exam only (Papers 1 and 2)	Raw	100	77	65	53	42	34	26	18	10	0
4ET0	English Language A: Route 2 - With coursework (Papers 1 and 3)	Raw	100	80	68	56	44	34	24	14	4	0
4ET0	English Language A: Route 2 - With transferred coursework (Papers 1 and 3T)	Raw	100	80	68	56	44	34	24	14	4	0

Fine Art

Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	
4FA0	Fine Art	Raw	100	91	82	72	62	52	42	32	22	0

French												
Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	
4FR0	French (Papers 01 and 02)	Raw	100	80	72	64	56	49	43	37	31	0
4FR0	French (Paper 03 - Endorsed Speaking)	Raw	60	51	45	39	33	26	19	13	7	0

Further Pure Mathematics												
Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	
4PM0	Further Pure Mathematics	Raw	100	86	72	56	40	24	16			0

Geography												
Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	
4GE0	Geography	Raw	150	108	94	80	67	55	44	33	22	0

German												
Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	
4GN0	German (Papers 01 and 02)	Raw	100	86	73	60	48	41	34	27	20	0
4GN0	German (Paper 03 - Endorsed Speaking)	Raw	60	48	43	38	33	26	19	13	7	0

Global Citizenship												
Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	
4GL0	Global Citizenship	Raw	80	69	60	51	43	36	29	22	15	0

Graphic Design												
Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	
4GD0	Graphic Design	Raw	100	91	82	72	62	52	42	32	22	0

Gujarati												
Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	
4GU0	Gujarati	Raw	100	73	60	47	34	28	22	16	10	0

Hindi												
Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	
4HN0	Hindi	Raw	100	87	74	61	48	40	32	24	16	0

History												
Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	
4HI0	History	Raw	100	82	72	62	53	43	33	24	15	0

Human Biology												
Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	
4HB0	Human Biology	Raw	180	142	124	106	89	78	67	56	45	0

ICT												
Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	
4IT0	ICT	Raw	100	86	75	64	54	46	38	30	22	0

Islamiyat												
Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	
4IS0	Islamiyat	Raw	100	70	62	54	46	41	36	32	28	0

Mathematics A											
Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U
4MA0	Mathematics A (Foundation) Papers 1F and 2F	Raw	100			66	52	38	25	12	0
4MA0	Mathematics A (Higher) Papers 3H and 4H	Raw	100	79	61	43	25	12	5		0

Mathematics B												
Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	
4MB0	Mathematics B	Raw	100	84	68	49	31	15	7	0	0	0

Modern Greek												
Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	
4MG0	Modern Greek	Raw	100	84	72	60	49	43	37	32	27	0

Pakistan Studies												
Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	
4PA0	Pakistan Studies	Raw	120	100	93	86	79	70	62	54	46	0

Photography												
Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	
4PY0	Photography	Raw	100	91	82	72	62	52	42	32	22	0

Physics												
Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	
4PH0	Physics (Papers 1P and 2P)	Raw	180	130	113	96	80	69	59	49	39	0
4PH0	Physics (Papers 1PR and 2PR)	Raw	180	133	117	101	85	74	63	52	41	0

Religious Studies												
Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	
4RS0	Religious Studies	Raw	130	93	81	69	57	46	36	26	16	0

Science (Double Award)												
Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	A*A*	A*A	AA	AB	BB	BC	CC	CD	DD	
4SC0	Science (Double Award)	Raw	360	269	252	235	218	201	184	167	155	144
		Raw		DE	EE	EF	FF	FG	GG			U
		Raw		133	122	111	100	89	78			0

Sinhala												
Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	
4SI0	Sinhala	Raw	100	81	66	51	37	33	29	25	21	0

Spanish												
Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	
4SP0	Spanish (Papers 01 and 02)	Raw	100	88	78	68	59	51	44	37	30	0
4SP0	Spanish (Paper 03 - Endorsed Speaking)	Raw	60	51	45	39	33	26	19	13	7	0

Swahili												
Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	
4SW0	Swahili	Raw	100	77	68	59	50	44	38	32	26	0

Tamil												
Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	
4TA0	Tamil	Raw	100	75	65	55	45	38	31	25	19	0

Textiles												
Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	
4TE0	Textiles	Raw	100	91	82	72	62	52	42	32	22	0

Turkish												
Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	
4TU0	Turkish	Raw	100	86	76	66	57	45	33	22	11	0

Urdu												
Overall grade boundaries		Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	
4UR0	Urdu	Raw	100	79	70	61	52	46	40	35	30	0