

# **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](http://www.edexcel.com/results)**

**Accounting**

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

**Arabic (First Language)**

<b>Overall grade boundaries</b>		<b>Max Mark</b>	<b>A*</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>U</b>	
4AR0	Arabic	Raw	100	81	73	65	57	45	33	21	9	0

**Bangladesh Studies**

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

**Bengali**

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

**Biology**

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

**Business Studies**

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

**Chemistry**

<b>Overall grade boundaries</b>		<b>Max Mark</b>	<b>A*</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>U</b>	
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**

<b>Overall grade boundaries</b>		<b>Max Mark</b>	<b>A*</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>U</b>	
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**

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

**Commerce**

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

**Economics**

<b>Overall grade boundaries</b>			<b>Max Mark</b>	<b>A*</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>U</b>
4EC0	Economics	Raw	120	90	79	68	57	50	44	38	32	0

**English as a Second Language**

<b>Overall grade boundaries</b>			<b>Max Mark</b>	<b>A*</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>U</b>
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**

<b>Overall grade boundaries</b>			<b>Max Mark</b>	<b>A*</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>U</b>
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**

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

**English Literature**

<b>Overall grade boundaries</b>			<b>Max Mark</b>	<b>A*</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>U</b>
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**

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

**French**

<b>Overall grade boundaries</b>			<b>Max Mark</b>	<b>A*</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>U</b>
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**

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

**Geography**

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

**German**

<b>Overall grade boundaries</b>			<b>Max Mark</b>	<b>A*</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>U</b>
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**

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

**Graphic Design**

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

**Gujarati**

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

**Hindi**

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

**History**

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

**Human Biology**

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

**ICT****Overall grade boundaries**

4ITO ICT

**Max Mark****A\* A B C D E F G U**

Raw 100 86 75 64 54 46 38 30 22 0

**Islamiyat****Overall grade boundaries**

4ISO Islamiyat

**Max Mark****A\* A B C D E F G U**

Raw 100 70 62 54 46 41 36 32 28 0

**Mathematics A****Overall grade boundaries**4MA0 Mathematics A (Foundation)  
Papers 1F and 2F**Max Mark****A\* A B C D E F G U**

Raw 100 66 52 38 25 12 5 12 0

4MA0 Mathematics A (Higher)  
Papers 3H and 4H

Raw 100 79 61 43 25 12 5 0 0

**Mathematics B****Overall grade boundaries**

4MB0 Mathematics B

**Max Mark****A\* A B C D E F G U**

Raw 100 84 68 49 31 15 7 0 0 0

**Modern Greek****Overall grade boundaries**

4MG0 Modern Greek

**Max Mark****A\* A B C D E F G U**

Raw 100 72 60 49 43 37 32 27 0

**Pakistan Studies****Overall grade boundaries**

4PA0 Pakistan Studies

**Max Mark****A\* A B C D E F G U**

Raw 120 100 93 86 79 70 62 54 46 0

**Photography****Overall grade boundaries**

4PY0 Photography

**Max Mark****A\* A B C D E F G U**

Raw 100 91 82 72 62 52 42 32 22 0

**Physics****Overall grade boundaries**

4PH0 Physics (Papers 1P and 2P)

**Max Mark****A\* A B C D E F G U**

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**

4RS0 Religious Studies

**Max Mark****A\* A B C D E F G U**

Raw 130 93 81 69 57 46 36 26 16 0

**Science (Double Award)****Overall grade boundaries**

4SC0 Science (Double Award)

**Max Mark****A\* A\* A A A B B B C C C D D D**

Raw 360 269 252 235 218 201 184 167 155 144

**DE EE EF FF FG GG**

Raw 133 122 111 100 89 78 0

**Sinhala****Overall grade boundaries**

			Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U
4S10	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
4URO	Urdu	Raw	100	79	70	61	52	46	40	35	30	0