

# Grade Boundaries

## Level 3 Principal Learning

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## **Understanding Principal Learning grade boundaries**

This document shows the grade boundaries for our suite of Level 3 Principal Learning qualifications. For each set of grade boundaries, the maximum number of available marks is also shown.

For individual units, maximum marks and grade boundaries are shown in raw marks. Maximum marks and grade boundaries for the overall qualification (the 'cash-in') are shown in points.

### **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.

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.

Raw marks are converted to points for all Principal Learning qualifications. This is because raw mark grade boundaries may change from exam session to exam session to take into account variations in the difficulty of assessments. A Certifying Statement of Provisional Results (results slip) will always show the points score for Principal Learning qualifications.

You can find out more about raw marks and points at [www.edexcel.com/results](http://www.edexcel.com/results)

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<b>Business, Administration and Finance</b>										
<b>Unit grade boundaries (Level 3)</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>
BA303	Personal Finance and Financial Services	Raw	60	54	48	42	36	30	25	0
		Points	14	12	10	8	6	4	2	0
BA304	Business Finance and Accounting	Raw	60	54	47	41	35	29	23	0
		Points	14	12	10	8	6	4	2	0
BA308	Responding to Change in Business	Raw	50	42	37	32	27	22	18	0
		Points	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
BA309	Corporate Social Responsibility	Raw	40	33	29	25	22	19	16	0
		Points	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
<b>Cash-in 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>
ZBA30	Level 3 Business, Administration and Finance	Points	126	108	90	72	54	36	18	0

<b>Engineering</b>										
<b>Unit grade boundaries (Level 3)</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>
EG301	Investigating Engineering Business and the Environment	Raw	60	54	48	42	36	31	26	0
		Points	14	12	10	8	6	4	2	0
EG308	Mathematical Techniques and Applications for Engineers	Raw	60	53	47	41	35	29	23	0
		Points	14	12	10	8	6	4	2	0
<b>Cash-in 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>
ZEG30	Level 3 Engineering	Points	126	108	90	72	54	36	18	0

<b>Society, Health and Development</b>										
<b>Unit grade boundaries (Level 3)</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>
SH301	The Sectors in Context	Raw	90	72	64	56	49	42	35	0
		Points	21	18	15	12	9	6	3	0
SH302	Principles and Values in Practice	Raw	90	71	63	55	47	40	33	0
		Points	21	18	15	12	9	6	3	0
<b>Cash-in 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>
ZSH30	Level 3 Society, Health and Development	Points	126	108	90	72	54	36	18	0