Understanding grade boundaries 2022

For 2022, the approach all exam boards have taken has been to be more generous than when exams last took place before the pandemic. Results in summer 2022 will be higher than when summer exams were last sat in 2019, but lower than in 2021, when grades were awarded by teacher assessment. All exam boards have used data from 2019 and 2021 as a starting point for grading. Using data is important to support alignment between exam boards, so that it is no easier to get a grade with one exam board than another.

Senior examiners have reviewed the quality of student work over a range of marks and have recommended grade boundaries based on all the available evidence.

Grade boundaries can change each year to reflect any differences in the demand of the question papers and this year is no exception.

Grade boundaries in 2022 may be lower or higher than when summer exams were last sat in 2019, as in any other year. However, the proportion of learners achieving each grade for qualifications will be more generous than 2019 but lower than 2021.

Helpful links

For further information on the approach to summer 2022 grading, please take a look at the information provided by Ofqual below.

- Exam results 2022: 10 things to know about GCSE, AS and A level grades
- Looking ahead to AS, A level, T Level and level 3 VTQ results
- A letter to students from Ofqual and UCAS