

Digital Credentials

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Dear Student,

We are pleased to inform you of an exciting update regarding your International GCSE and/or International A level certificate. This year, alongside the paper version, students taking their exams via the Remote Invigilation Service, will also receive an official digital version of their Pearson certificate, which has the same validity as the traditional paper certificate.

Your digital certificate will be a PDF attached to a secure online 'credential' hosted on a Pearson platform called Credly. The certificate will show all grades awarded in the relevant exam series, whether the exams were taken via remote invigilation or not.

What are Digital Certificates?

Digital certificates are secure, electronic versions of paper certificates that recognise a student's exam achievements. They can be accessed online, verified securely and shared electronically when needed.

The certificates feature a QR code that verifies their validity and the student's grades.

How will they be issued?

Students will receive an email from the [Credly](#) platform, inviting them to claim their digital credential. This credential includes a secure, digital copy of their certificate. There is no fee for this service - only added benefits.

What do you mean by credential?

Your certificate is attached to a digital credential (sometimes called a badge) within Credly. This credential confirms the qualification(s) you have achieved and allows you to control how and when your certificate is shared.

What personal data is involved?

To issue your digital certificate, Pearson will share limited personal information with the Credly platform, such as your name, email address, qualification details, and exam results. This information is used only to create and manage your digital certificate.

Credly is part of the wider Pearson group and act as our service provider for digital credentials. You are in control of your Credly account and can choose whether to keep your credential private or share it with others.

Further information on how your personal data is used, including your rights, is available in Pearson's Privacy Notice and Credly's Privacy Policy (links will be provided in the Credly email).

Which email address will be used?

We will use the email address provided by your centre as part of your exam entry for the Remote Invigilation Service. If this is a school email, we strongly recommend that, once you activate your Credly account, you add a personal email address. This will help ensure you retain access after your school email account expires. Further instructions will be provided on these steps.

How will they be issued?

- You will receive an email from Credly inviting you to claim your digital credential.
- Follow the link in the email to create and confirm your free Credly account.
- Add a personal email address to your profile for long term access.
- Choose how you want to share your certificate (or keep it private).

- For your security, Credly will never ask for your password by email. If you are unsure about an email claiming to be from Credly, please contact your centre or Pearson support before clicking any links.

What are the benefits of a digital certificate?

- Earlier access to your certificate.
- Access from anywhere.
- Easy to share with universities and employers.
- Instant and secure verification .

What happens next?

If you have any questions, please direct them to your school or centre.

You will receive a further email with additional guidance and next steps closer to results day.

With best wishes,



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