

## The Edexcel Mathematics Awards (Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3) Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. What are the Edexcel Mathematics Awards?

The Edexcel Mathematics Awards are a suite of stand-alone academic qualifications in mathematics which support the GCSE, International GCSE, Certificate, BTEC and GCE qualifications that are offered in schools and colleges.

Each award:

- takes approximately 60-70 hours to deliver as a stand-alone (roughly the size of half a GCSE)
- is assessed externally through written papers
- is awarded pass or unclassified
- is available at different levels (Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3)

### 2. What Edexcel Mathematics Awards are available?

The following Awards have been accredited:

- Edexcel Level 1 Award in Number and Measure
- Edexcel Level 2 Award in Number and Measure
- Edexcel Level 2 Award in Algebra
- Edexcel Level 3 Award in Algebra
- Edexcel Level 1 Award in Statistical Methods
- Edexcel Level 2 Award in Statistical Methods
- Edexcel Level 3 Award in Statistical Methods

### 3. Which students are these qualifications aimed at?

These qualifications are aimed at students who:

- need to develop their mathematical skills in a particular area (e.g. number & measure, algebra or statistical methods) and build confidence in the subject before progressing to GCSE or GCE mathematics or further study
- want to gain a qualification which demonstrates their mathematical ability.

### 4. Who are these qualifications approved and funded for?

The Edexcel Awards in Number and Measure, Algebra and Statistical Methods are currently funded and approved for pre-16 students and 16-18 year olds in England and all students in Wales. They are approved but not funded for 19+ students in England.

### 5. Will the Edexcel Awards suite attract performance table points in England in 2013?

Yes, but only as part of the wider performance measures.

### 6. Will the Edexcel Awards suite attract performance table points in England from 2014 onwards?

This is yet to be confirmed as the wider measure for 2014 have not yet been released.

### 7. Will the Awards in Number and Measure attract performance table points in Wales?

Yes, they will count towards the Level 2 threshold including English/Welsh & Maths measure, but do not count as the Maths element within that measure.

**8. How many performance table points will the Awards in Number and Measure attract?**

	Grade	Contribution to L1 threshold	Contribution to L2 threshold	Contribution to L3 threshold	Performance Points
Level 1	Pass	10.00	0.00	0.00	12.50
Level 2	Pass	10.00	10.00	0.00	23.00

**9. How many performance table points will the Awards in Algebra attract?**

	Grade	Contribution to L1 threshold	Contribution to L2 threshold	Contribution to L3 threshold	Performance Points
Level 2	Pass	10.00	10.00	0.00	23.00
Level 3	Pass	0.00	0.00	10.00	42.00

**10. How many performance table points will the Awards in Statistical Methods attract?**

	Grade	Contribution to L1 threshold	Contribution to L2 threshold	Contribution to L3 threshold	Performance Points
Level 1	Pass	10.00	0.00	0.00	12.50
Level 2	Pass	10.00	10.00	0.00	23.00
Level 3	Pass	0.00	0.00	10.00	42.00

**11. How are the Edexcel Mathematics Awards assessed?**

The Edexcel Mathematics Awards are externally assessed. The table below shows the structure of the written papers.

Level	Duration	Number of marks
1	1 hour 30 minutes	80
2	1 hour 30 minutes	80
3	2 hours	90

**12. When are the examinations available for students to take?**

The Edexcel Awards suite is available in January and May every year.

**13. How and when are results published?**

Students will be awarded pass or unclassified. Results from Level 1 and level 2 examinations taken in May will be published on GCSE results day in August. Results from Level 3 examinations taken in May/June will be published on GCE results day in August. Results from examinations taken in January will be published mid-March.

**14. When can I start teaching these qualifications?**

The Edexcel Awards in Number and Measure have been available for first teaching from September 2011, the Edexcel Awards in Algebra are available for first teaching from October 2012 and the Edexcel Awards in Statistical Methods are available for first teaching from January 2013. The content and assessment of the qualifications have been designed to fit flexibly in to the programme of delivery for schools and colleges and because each Award only takes 60-70 guided learning hours you can start straight away or wait until later in the year.

### 15. I am interested in offering one or more of these qualifications, what should I do next?

Make sure you sign the online interest form available via our website (<http://www.edexcel.com/quals/academic-awards/maths/proficiency-numbermeasure/Pages/register.aspx>), to let us know you are offering one or more of these qualifications or considering it. That way we can ensure you are fully informed and supported. We will send you a hard copy of the specification and sample assessment materials. These can also be viewed online via our dedicated web pages [www.edexcel.com/mathsawards](http://www.edexcel.com/mathsawards)

### 16. Do I need approval to offer these qualifications at my centre?

If you already run any GCSE or GCE qualifications in your centre then you do not need any additional approval to run these qualifications. If you are not an approved Edexcel centre you can apply for approval at <http://www.edexcel.com/iwantto/Pages/centreapproval-academic.aspx>

### 17. How do I make entries for these qualifications?

The online Information Manual ([www.edexcel.com/info-manual](http://www.edexcel.com/info-manual)) contains information about entry processes and deadlines. Section 29 contains all of the information you need to administer these qualifications. **Edexcel Online should be used to make your entries. EDI will not be available for these qualifications.**

Section 3 of the Information Manual provides instructions on how to make entries using Edexcel Online. The entry deadline for May 2013 examinations is on 21 March 2012. Late entry fees will apply thereafter.

The table below shows details of the entry codes. Please note that Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 entries must be made separately.

Qualification Title	Qualification	(Entry) Code
Level 1 Award in Number and Measure		ANM10
Level 2 Award in Number and Measure		ANM20
Level 2 Award in Algebra		AAL20
Level 3 Award in Algebra		AAL30
Level 1 Award in Statistical Methods		AST10
Level 2 Award in Statistical Methods		AST20
Level 3 Award in Statistical Methods		AST30

### 18. When in May 2013 are the examinations scheduled to take place?

The table below shows the final dates and times for the summer 2013 examination series.

Qualification Title	May 2013 Exam date/time
Level 1 Award in Number and Measure	9 May 2013 (Morning)
Level 2 Award in Number and Measure	9 May 2013 (Morning)
Level 2 Award in Algebra	13 May 2013 (Morning)
Level 3 Award in Algebra	13 May 2013 (Morning)
Level 1 Award in Statistical Methods	15 May 2013 (Morning)
Level 2 Award in Statistical Methods	15 May 2013 (Morning)
Level 3 Award in Statistical Methods	15 May 2013 (Morning)

View the full timetable here: <http://www.edexcel.com/iwantto/Pages/proficiency.aspx>

**19. What are the entry fees for these qualifications?**

The fee has been set at £15.35 per entry, which can be viewed on the 2012/13 full UK fees list (<http://www.edexcel.com/iwantto/Pages/fees-academic.aspx>).

**20. What support is available for these qualifications?**

**(a) Web support** – our dedicated qualification webpages at [www.edexcel.com/number](http://www.edexcel.com/number), [www.edexcel.com/algebra](http://www.edexcel.com/algebra) and [www.edexcel.com/statistics](http://www.edexcel.com/statistics). Generic information about the suite can be found at [www.edexcel.com/mathswards](http://www.edexcel.com/mathswards)

**(b) Mathematics Emporium** - sign up for the mailing list specifically created for this suite of qualifications to ensure you have all the relevant information and support when you need it. Also register for an account at [www.edexcelmaths.com](http://www.edexcelmaths.com) for access to over 6,000 documents relating to all our mathematics qualifications.

**(c) Teacher support materials and resources** – schemes of work are available for all the Edexcel Awards and can be found on the webpages under 'teacher support materials'. One set of practice papers will be produced at each level and other free and paid for resources.

**(d) ResultsPlus** – as with our GCSE and GCE mathematics qualifications, our comprehensive exam analysis service which now includes the Mock Analysis Service will be available for these Awards. More information about ResultsPlus services can be found at [www.edexcel.com/resultsplus](http://www.edexcel.com/resultsplus)