

# Guide to Results

## Advanced Skills Baccalaureate Wales

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This document provides an overview of results for **the projects**. It gives details on what to expect on results day, the documentation you will receive, information on grade boundaries and where additional advice and guidance can be found.

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# 1. Results day

## i) Collecting exam results

Candidates must receive their examination results from their centre, usually on the published results day.

For the June 2024 series, the publication of results day is from 8:00 am on **Thursday 15 August 2024**.

WJEC is unable to provide or discuss results over the telephone or via email communication with candidates or parents, even if the school or college is closed. Candidates should therefore check with their school or college when and where results will be available for collection and how and with whom they can discuss any issues or concerns.

Results must not be divulged to others including local authorities and the media until after 9.30am on the relevant results day.

## ii) What to expect

On results day, candidates normally receive a result slip showing their results.

At this point, results are designated as provisional; changes may be made at a later point, for example, following a Review of Moderation.

## iii) How are results displayed on a result slip

Results slips will show candidate results for each project taken within that examination series.

Results slips will display a uniform mark (UMS) and a grade for each project.

## iv) Symbols used on a result slip

In addition to grades and marks, results slips may also contain other symbols:

**X** indicates that a result is not being issued due to the candidate being absent for all components/units. It may also be because a decision has been made not to issue a result. Any subject with an (X) will not appear on the certificate.

**Q** indicates that a result is pending or is currently unavailable.

**#** This indicator is shown next to the overall grade if a candidate completed work for some, but not all, of the subject's components or units.

## 2. Understanding results

### i) Explaining grades

Each project is reported as a lowercase letter a to e (with grade a being the highest).

### ii) Explaining marks

#### Raw marks

Each project is allocated a total raw mark.

#### Uniform mark scale (UMS)

In unitised specifications raw marks are converted into a uniform mark (UMS) which is used as a device for reporting, recording and aggregating candidates' project outcomes. A raw mark to UMS convertor can be found on our [website](#) (information available from publication of results day).

Uniform marks are reported as whole marks and so, where necessary, they will be subject to “rounding up” (e.g. a uniform mark of 19.6 will be reported as 20). Although rare, this may mean that a raw mark at the top end of the range of marks within a grade may convert to a rounded up uniform mark which equates to the next grade up. Please note that although the project grade will not be raised as part of the rounding up process, the rounded up uniform mark will be used in the calculation of the overall grade.

### iii) How are marks converted into grades

The overall qualification grade is calculated by adding together the uniform marks achieved in the projects. This gives candidates a total uniform mark which converts to an overall grade based on the grade boundary. The qualification will be awarded for the first time in January 2025.

## 3. Grade boundaries

Grade boundaries are the minimum number of marks needed to achieve each grade. Grade boundaries ensure that whenever the project is sat, candidates receive the same grade for the same level of performance.

UMS Grade Boundaries remain the same every year as the range of UMS mark percentages allocated to a particular grade does not change. UMS grade boundaries are published at overall subject level (first award January 2025) and project level.

The overall grades for the Advanced Skills Baccalaureate Wales qualification will be recorded as a grade on a scale A\* to E. Results not attaining the minimum standard for the award will be reported as U (unclassified). Candidates are not required to pass all three projects to be given an overall grade. Project results will be reported on results slips as a lowercase letter (a to e). Project results not attaining the minimum standard for the award will be reported as u (unclassified).

The Uniform marks (UMS) correspond to Project grades as follows:

Project Weightings	Maximum Raw Mark	Maximum Uniform Mark	Project UMS				
			a	b	c	d	e
Global Community Project (25%)	72	90	72	63	54	45	36
Future Destinations Project (25%)	72	90	72	63	54	45	36
Individual Project (50%)	96	180	144	126	108	90	72

The qualification is based on the total UMS achieved across the Projects.

	Maximum Raw Mark	Maximum Uniform Mark	Qualification UMS					
			A*	A	B	C	D	E
Advanced Skills Baccalaureate Wales	240	360	324	288	252	216	180	144

You can access unit grade boundaries and raw mark to UMS information in our Grade converter [here](#) (information available from publication of results day).

#### 4. What to do if a candidate wants to query a result

It is important that candidates discuss any concerns with their school or college, usually an Exams Officer or teacher, and decide on the best options available.

If it is considered that there may have been an error, an application can be made by the centre for:

- Post-results review of moderation – please note this is not available for individual candidates.

Applications cannot be submitted by internal candidates or parents. Private candidates are encouraged to seek advice and apply through their entering centre but may apply directly by emailing our Post Results Service [prs@wjec.co.uk](mailto:prs@wjec.co.uk) stating the candidate name, candidate number, centre name and number in any correspondence.

For further details, please visit our [Post-Results Services](#) page and the information published by JCQ on [Post-Results Services](#) procedures.

Candidate consent is not required for a review of moderation as the original grade will not be lowered. However, candidates and centres should be aware that a lowered mark would be carried forward to future certification.

The outcome will be issued directly from WJEC to the school or college, who will then pass the information onto candidates. If a private candidate has applied directly to WJEC, the outcome will be issued to them. **Once an outcome has been issued, the original mark cannot be re-instated in any circumstance, even if the new mark is lower than the original mark.**

## **5. When are certificates available**

No certificates are issued for the projects. The qualification will be awarded for the first time in January 2025. Certificates for the January series (and each January series thereafter) will be sent to centres in May each year. Certificates for the June 2025 series (and each June series thereafter) will be sent to centres in November each year.