

COVID-19 and the 2020 Examination Series

The information below concerning the grading of examination results is based upon material provided by AQA but applies to all examination boards across the UK. We will update with subject-specific details as soon as possible.

- Regulators will develop and set out a process that will provide a calculated grade to each student which reflects their performance as fairly as possible, and will work with the exam boards to ensure this is consistently applied for all students
- Exam boards will be asking teachers, who know their students well, to submit their judgement about the grade that they believe the student would have received if exams had gone ahead
- To produce this, teachers will be asked to take into account a range of evidence and data including performance on mock exams and non-exam assessment; clear guidance on how to do this fairly and robustly will be provided to schools and colleges soon
- Exam boards will then combine this information with other relevant data, including prior attainment, and use this information to produce a calculated grade for each student, which will be a best assessment of the work they have put in
- Regulators and exam boards will be discussing with teachers' representatives before finalising the approach, to ensure that it's as fair as possible; more information will be provided as soon as possible
- The aim is to provide these calculated grades to students before the end of July
- These grades will be indistinguishable from those provided in other years
- The aim is to ensure that the distribution of grades follows a similar pattern to that in other years, so that this year's students aren't disadvantaged
- Students will be able to appeal their grades if they don't believe the right process has been followed
- There will also be an option to sit exams early in the next academic year for any students who wish to – and students can also choose to sit exams next summer