

Awarding Grades in 2021 – A Headline Summary - Wales

- 1** Students will receive centre-determined grades in 2021. These grades must be awarded on the basis of demonstrated attainment in areas of the qualification content that a learner has covered.
- 2** To support teachers in making their judgements, the WJEC has provided ongoing guidance from **4 March**. Additional training material and resources will be released.
- 3** Entries Deadline – **19 March**.
- 4** Centres submit their assessment and Internal QA policies to WJEC between **19 – 25 March**. WJEC will provide feedback on these by **12 April**.
- 5** Assessment evidence must come from work completed by the learner, on adapted specification content. Evidence may include practical evidence where appropriate.
- 6** WJEC will provide past papers for centres to use when determining which tasks learners will complete that contribute to their overall Centre Determined Grade. These are not mandatory but are 'advised'.
- 7** The number of pieces & types of evidence required to support judgements is not prescribed. WJEC recommends centres continue with the assessment of NEA to inform CDGs.
- 8** WJEC have agreed that candidates should be allowed to complete controlled assessment work from home, where it is safe and practicable to do so.
- 9** By Easter, learners must be told how they will be assessed for each qualification.
- 10** Once evidence is considered, teachers & lecturers should make holistic, best fit judgements that are compensatory. Centres need to be assured that it is the learner's own work.
- 11** By **25 June**, schools and colleges will share provisional CDGs with their learners. A learner can ask their school or college to review provisional CDGs (Stage 1 Appeals).
- 12** Centres will submit any TAGs to English Examinations Boards by **18 June**.

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Centres will submit CDGs to the WJEC between **14 June and 2 July**.

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CDGs must be accompanied with a clear and unambiguous rationale as to why and how evidence was selected and how a judgement was formed. WJEC will provide support by making decision making record templates available to centres.

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On submission of provisional CDGs to WJEC, centres will be required to make an overall declaration in relation to the processes that have been carried out.

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When a centre submits its CDGs each Head of Centre must also submit a declaration which confirms that the grades have been determined by the centre appropriately.

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Centres will also need to submit an explanation of the overall pattern of the centre's results, at aggregate level, for GCSEs, AS & A levels, at the point of submission of the CDGs to WJEC.

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WJEC will implement a programme of external centre quality assurance processes. Whilst there will be no moderation of CDG outcomes, once results are finally submitted to WJEC, grade profiles may be reviewed, and any atypical profiles discussed with the centre.

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WJEC QA Learner Decision Records & Overall Outcomes **21 June – 12 July**.

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Results days for GCSE, A level and some vocational qualifications will take place in the week of **9 August**.

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AS and A-level students will receive their results on **10 August**.

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GCSE students will receive their results two days later on **12 August**.

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Stage 2 Appeals - After results day in August, a learner can appeal to WJEC that the grade judgement that their school or college has made is unreasonable and/or a procedural error has been made.

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Stage 3 Appeals - Following completion of the Stage 2 appeal, learners can request an Examination Procedures Review Service (EPRS) review from Qualifications Wales to check whether WJEC has followed their procedures correctly.