HOW WE WILL STANDARDISE GRADES TO AWARD GCSES, AS AND A LEVELS^{*} IN SUMMER 2020

Guidance for schools and colleges



Schools and colleges have submitted their centre assessment grades and rank orders on the grade submission system.

All exam boards will standardise the grades using a statistical process developed by Ofqual.

When standardising grades, we will look at the following data to calculate what we would expect your students to achieve:

- previous national results in a subject
- the prior attainment of your school or college's students this year compared to previous years
- your school or college results in recent years



We will consider your centre's grade distributions across previous summer exam series for the subject. This is based on your school or college results in recent years. We'll then look at the differences in prior attainment between your centre's students in previous exam series and students getting their results this summer. We will use this data and compare it with what you have given us, and we may make adjustments to align the two:



This process for awarding grades is designed to give students the fairest results possible this summer. The rank order of students submitted by schools and colleges will not change. The final grade students receive may be different from the centre assessment grades submitted. This is to ensure grading standards are consistent across all schools and colleges.

Having completed the adjustments, we will ensure that results are comparable by using the process developed by Ofqual, and the regulator will also review overall national results.

*This also applies to other general qualifications such as Extended Project Qualifications (EPQs), Core Maths, Free Standing Maths Qualifications (FSMQs), and Entry Level qualifications.