

Summer 2020 exam result changes: what you need to know

Teacher predicted grades will now be used for GCSEs, AS-levels and A-levels in England, following a government U-turn.

What's changing?

- › Originally, your teachers put together a set of predicted grades that were given to the exam regulator, Ofqual
 - › Ofqual put these through an algorithm to create moderated grades. Often the grades created by the algorithm were lower than the ones predicted by your teachers. These are the results AS-levels and A-levels students were given on Thursday 13th August
 - › Now, you will get the original grades predicted by your teachers – unless the moderated grades are higher
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When will we get our results?

- › Exam boards will get the new grades to you as soon as possible, but we don't have a firm date yet. We'll update you as soon as we know
 - › **For AS and A-level students**, you can speak to us or the exam board to find out your new grades if you don't know them already. Simply check your school email address where the centre-assessed grades have been emailed to.
 - › **For GCSE pupils**, we will tell you your official grade on Thursday 20th August.
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What happens if my Ofqual grade was higher?

- › You will keep whichever grade is higher
 - › **Your results can't go down as a result of this change, they can only go up**
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What about university places?

- › If your first choice university rejected you based on the results you received on Thursday 13th August, and your new results mean that you'd now meet the offer, you should go back to the university and discuss this with them.
 - › The government has told universities to be flexible, and has removed the cap for the number of students universities can accept. However, we can't guarantee that every one of you will get your first choice – some of you may still be disappointed
 - › If you've accepted an offer but now want to change it based on your new results, you should be able to "release yourself" from the offer you've accepted
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Can we still appeal?

- You should still be able to appeal as you would for any normal results, for example if an error has been made during the process. If you wish to appeal you should talk to a member of the senior leadership.
- You can ask a school to review your grade if you fear that an error has occurred. The school will make appeals on your behalf but can choose not to if the grounds for appeal are not strong – individual pupils or parents can't make appeals themselves
- You won't be able to appeal based on your mock grade (this was part of the "triple lock" system which was announced before this change – this is no longer in place)
- There should be more information to come on appeals. We don't yet know if you'll be able to appeal your teacher predicted grades. We'll update you as soon as we know more

What about autumn exams?

- As far as we know, you'll still have the opportunity to sit exams in autumn 2020 if we enter you for them. As long as you are staying on at our academy in the sixth form this can be requested. Otherwise you will need to request to sit the exam at the college/sixth form that you are enrolling with.
- We'll update you as soon as we know more

What about vocational and technical qualifications?

- Most grades for BTECs and other vocational and technical qualifications (VTQs) **won't** be affected by the government's announcement
- This is because most of these grades weren't calculated using the kind of algorithm used for GCSEs and A-levels
- For those that were, Ofqual has asked awarding organisations to review their approach, which it says may lead to a "small proportion" of results being reissued – we'll update you as soon as we know more about this

Sources

This factsheet was produced by The Key for School Leaders, based on statements given by Gavin Williamson and Ofqual, and reports in the media. All information is correct as of 10am Tuesday 18 August.

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