

Supporting you by providing a central point of reference to a summary of links to information and key updates from key stakeholders on exams and assessments

This information does not include any direct communications between key stakeholders and centres which are not in the public domain. Centres should always refer to direct communications and relevant email updates from awarding bodies to confirm the latest processes/arrangements.

Note - information and hyperlinks were correct as at the date they were published by the relevant organisation

(31/08/2023) **AQA** exams administration update – [Top 10 security tips for exams officers](#)

(24/08/2023)

- Ofqual publishes:
 - [Guide to GCSE results in England, summer 2023](#)
 - [Guide to the 2023 Level 1, and Level 2 qualification results for Vocational and Technical Qualifications in England](#)
 - [National Reference Test Results Digest and annual statement 2023](#)
 - [Infographics showing GCSE outcomes this year](#)
 - [Infographics showing VTQ outcomes this year](#)
 - [Interactive analytics](#) of GCSE outcomes over time, variability in centres' results, and outcomes by county
 - [Interactive analytics](#) of PTQ and TQ outcomes over time and by subject
- **JCQ** press releases www.jcq.org.uk/media-centre/news-releases
- **DfE** updates guidance [Understanding and dealing with issues relating to parental responsibility](#) (Updated to include guidance on the role of the 'corporate parent', releasing GCSE results to a parent and notifying separated parents about a child moving school. **Note:** GCSE results form part of the pupil's educational record and are therefore disclosable to a parent on request. The pupil's consent is not required. However, if a school considers that sharing this information could result in serious physical or mental harm to the pupil or another individual, it may decide not to release the results to the parent. In such a situation, the school and the affected parent may wish to seek independent legal advice.)
- **DfE** The Education Hub blog - [GCSE results day 2023: Your questions answered and What to do if you didn't get the grades you were expecting](#)
- **Ofqual: rolling update** (Updated to remove information predating summer 2023 results)

(22/08/2023) The Ofqual blog: [Looking ahead to GCSE, Level 1 and Level 2 vocational and technical qualifications results](#)

(17/08/2023)

- **Qualifications Wales** news - [Learners in Wales receive their A level, AS level and vocational qualification results today](#)
- **DfE** Press release – [Government praises students as grading system returns to normal](#)
- **Ofqual: rolling update** (Information added about summer 2023 Level 3 results day)
- **Ofqual** publishes the following:
 - [Guide to AS and A level results in England, summer 2023](#)
 - [Guide to the 2023 Level 3 qualification results for VTQs in England](#)
 - [Infographics showing A level outcomes this year](#)
 - [Infographics showing Level 3 qualification outcomes for VTQs this year](#)
 - [Interactive analytics](#) of A level outcomes over time, variability in centres' results, and outcomes by county
 - [Interactive analytics](#) of PTQ and TQ outcomes over time and by subject

JCQ publishes [Examination Results and GCE press notices](#)

OCR news – [It's results day!](#) and [Cambridge Technicals – results delivered on time](#)

WJEC and **Edugas** news – [Congratulations to students receiving their final summer 2023 results today](#)

(15/08/2023)

- [Pearson Exams Officer Update Results special | 15 August 2023](#)
- [Pearson General Qualifications Bulletin | Issue 48](#)
- [DfE The Education Hub blog – Exam results: 5 tips for parents and carers on supporting your child with results day](#)

(14/08/2023)

- The **Ofqual** blog – [Looking ahead to AS, A level, T Level and level 3 VTQ results](#)
- [Pearson Vocational Qualifications Bulletin | August 2023](#)

(10/08/2023)

- [OCR Monthly bulletin – Everything you need to know for results days 2023](#)
- [Qualifications Wales](#) blog – [What’s next for learners once they receive their results?](#)

(07/08/2023) [DfE The Education Hub Blog – A Level and T Level results day: What to do if you don’t get the grades you need for your university course](#)

(03/08/2023) [Qualifications Wales](#) news – [Qualifications Wales committed to the Welsh language](#)

(27/07/2023) [OCR](#) news – [Results information 2023 – what’s available and when?](#)

(25/07/2023) [DfE](#) guidance updated – [Guide to post-16 qualifications at level 3 and below in England](#) (Updated 'Post-16 qualifications at level 2 and below from spring 2023' to reflect changes in open consultations)

(20/07/2023) [WJEC](#) article – [5 reasons to download WJEC Principal Examiner Reports](#)

(19/07/2023)

- [Eduqas](#) article – [5 reasons to download Eduqas Principal Examiner Reports](#)
- [Pearson Vocational Qualifications Bulletin | July 2023](#)
- [Qualifications Wales](#) blog – [What can we expect from AS, A level and GCSE results in Wales this year?](#)

(18/07/2023)

- [Ofqual](#) publishes a [joint letter](#) from Ofqual’s Chief Regulator, Dr Jo Saxton, and UCAS’s Chief Executive, Clare Marchant, to students receiving their results on 17 August 2023
- [Ofqual](#) research and analysis – [Remote invigilation in vocational and technical qualifications report](#)

(17/07/2023) [OCR](#) news – [Delivering Cambridge Technicals results](#)

(14/07/2023)

- [OCR Exams Officer Update: July 2023](#)
- [Ofqual](#) promotional material – [Looking ahead to results days for qualifications this year](#) (Slides presented at Ofqual webinars for heads of schools, colleges and other exam centres in July 2023)

(13/07/2023)

- [Pearson General Qualifications Bulletin | Issue 47](#)
- [Ofqual](#) open consultation – [Regulating level 2 and below Progression Qualifications](#) (Consultation on Ofqual’s conditions, requirements and guidance for Progression Qualifications in England. This consultation closes at 11:45pm on 14 September 2023)
- [Ofqual](#) consultation outcomes:
 - [Regulating level 2 and below qualifications supporting progression to higher levels of study](#)
 - [Regulating level 2 qualifications supporting progression to T Levels](#)
 - [Proposed amendment to the assessment of Chinese and Japanese AS and A levels](#)
- [DfE](#) consultation outcome [Implementing a new FE funding and accountability system](#)

(12/07/2023) [JCQ Update – 12 July 2023](#) and [Appeals FAQs: Summer 2023](#) published

(10/07/2023) The **Ofqual** blog:

- [Exam results 2023: 10 things to know about GCSE, AS and A level grades](#)
- [Vocational and technical qualifications grading in 2023](#)

(07/07/2023) [OCR Monthly Bulletin – July 2023](#)

(05/07/2023) **AQA** exams administration updates – [2022/23 question papers, mark schemes and reports on the exam: what's available when](#) and [Entry fees for summer 2024](#)

(03/07/2023) **Ofqual** correspondence – [Letter to governors and trustees about qualification results 2023](#)

(30/06/2023) **Ofqual** correspondence – [Letter to schools and colleges June 2023](#) (Written by Dr Jo Saxton, Ofqual's Chief Regulator updating school and college heads on progress towards issuing level 3 vocational and technical qualification results in August 2023)

(29/06/2023) **WJEC** article – [Qualifications Wales publishes Final Decisions Report and Approval Criteria for reformed GCSEs](#)

(28/06/2023)

- [Pearson Exams Officer Update | 28 June 2023](#)
- **Summer 2024** final exam timetables published on awarding body websites: [AQA](#) – [OCR](#) – [Pearson](#) – [WJEC](#) / [Eduqas](#)
- **Qualifications Wales** news – [Learners in Wales to study new Made-for-Wales GCSEs from 2025](#)

(27/06/2023)

- **WJEC/Eduqas** article – [Free access to marked scripts](#)
- **DfE** The Education Hub Blog – [Alternatives to A Levels and university: What you need to know](#)

(22/06/2023) **Pearson** [General Qualifications Bulletin | Issue 46](#)

(21/06/2023)

- **OCR** Exams Officer Update: [June 2023](#)
- **WJEC** article – [New GCSEs, new opportunities: Ready to deliver 'Qualified for the Future'](#)

(16/06/2023) **Ofqual** news story – [334,000 Level 3 VTQs due to be awarded to students this summer](#) (Action Plan milestone signals first significant step towards parity of treatment across qualifications)

(14/06/2023)

- [Pearson Exams Officer Update | 14 June 2023](#)
- The **Ofqual** blog – [Level 3 VTQ Action Plan: the road to results](#)

(09/06/2023)

- **DfE** The Education Hub Blog – [When is results day 2023? GCSEs, A levels, T Levels and VTQs](#)
- **OCR** [Monthly Bulletin – June 2023](#)

(05/06/2023) **Pearson** [Vocational Qualifications Bulletin | June 2023](#)

(01/06/2023) **Ofqual** official statistics – [Provisional entries for GCSE, AS and A level: summer 2023 exam series](#) (Number of provisional entries by age group and subject for GCSEs, AS and A levels in England for the summer 2023 exam series)

(25/05/2023) **Qualifications Wales** news – [Provisional entries for the summer 2023 exam series](#)

(24/05/2023) **Pearson** [General Qualifications Bulletin | Issue 45](#)

(22/05/2023) **Ofqual** consultation outcome – [Consultation on regulating level 1 and 2 qualifications designed to lead to employment](#)

(19/05/2023) **OCR** [Exams Officer Update: May 2023](#)

(18/05/2023) **AQA** exams administration update – [Downloading question papers on the day of the exam](#)

(17/05/2023) [Pearson Exams Officer Update | 17 May 2023](#)

(16/05/2023) [JCQ Update – 16 May 2023](#)

In today's JCQ update, you will find more details on:

- [JCQ Bulletin](#)
- [Summer 2023 FAQs](#)
- [Reasonable Adjustments guidance](#)
- [Senior Designated Contacts: Summer 2023](#)
- [Post results services booklet](#)
- [JCQ and FAB: Working together to support Ofqual's VTQ Action Plan 2023](#)
- [UCAS update](#)

- Contingency days

(12/05/2023)

- **Ofqual** guidance – [Factsheet: exams and assessments in England in 2023](#) (This factsheet is for the parents and carers of students about to sit exams and assessments in summer 2023. The factsheet was produced in collaboration with the Department for Education and UCAS.)
- **Qualifications Wales** survey – [Have Your Say on Summer 2023 Exams](#) (The survey is open throughout the exam series and is available through the medium of Welsh and English. It closes a few weeks after the final examinations, on **Friday 7 July 2023**)

(11/05/2023)

- **JCQ** update – [Senior Designated Contacts](#)
- **Qualifications Wales** news – [Pob Lwc to all learners taking exams and assessments](#)

(10/05/2023)

- **Ofqual** correspondence – [Letter to schools and colleges May 2023](#) (A letter to school and college heads about the 2023 summer exam series, highlighting the resources available to support students and reiterating the approach to grading in 2023)
- **DfE** and **Ofqual** open consultation – [Ensuring the resilience of the qualifications system](#) (This consultation is split into 2 parts. Part 1 of the document has been prepared jointly by the Department for Education and Ofqual given their respective responsibilities in this area. Any analysis of responses to this part of the consultation will be undertaken jointly. Part 2 seeks views on the regulatory changes that would be required to put these proposals in place. Part 2 has been produced solely by Ofqual as the regulator of exams and assessments in England, in line with its responsibilities. Responses to Part 2 of this consultation will be analysed only by Ofqual, and Ofqual will make all decisions in relation to these matters. This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 2 August 2023**)
- The **Ofqual** blog – [Summer exams are starting](#)

(09/05/2023)

- **JCQ** publishes a revision to [A guide to the special consideration process](#)
- **Ofqual** adds an [Infographic: Level 3 VTQ results 2023: top tips for May 2023](#) (reminding exams officers and teachers what they need to do to help awarding organisations prepare for issuing level 3 vocational and technical qualification results) to its [Vocational and Technical Qualification results: Action Plan collection](#) of documents

(05/05/2023)

- Following extensive work with the UK qualification regulators the **JCQ** publication [Access Arrangements and Reasonable Adjustments](#) has been updated to allow disabled candidates to be awarded qualification grades using alternative assessment evidence. The centre having exhausted all possible reasonable adjustments with the awarding body/bodies. This new arrangement is explained on **page 14** and supplements the existing Statement of Recognition process.
- **AQA** news - [Exam and revision tips from AQA and The Student Room](#)
- **OCR** [Monthly Bulletin – May 2023](#)

(04/05/2023)

- **Ofqual** Research and analysis – [Survey of examiners 2022](#) (Findings from a survey of examiners as part of Ofqual's research into the quality of marking in academic exams)
- **Ofqual** Official Statistics – [Appeals for GCSE, AS, A level and Project: 2021 to 2022 academic year](#) (Statistics on the number of appeals against results for GCSEs, AS and A levels and Project qualifications for November 2021, January 2022 and summer 2022 exam series)

(03/05/2023)

- **Pearson Exams Officer Update | 3 May 2023**
- **JCQ** publishes [Post-Results Services – June 2023 series and November 2023 series](#)
- **Qualifications Wales** news – [Level of demand of A level maths papers](#)

(02/05/2023)

- **AQA** exams administration update – [Geography: guidance on supporting students with CVD during the exam](#)
- **Ofqual** guidance updated – [Key dates for vocational and technical qualifications in 2023](#) (T Levels removed from page)

(28/04/2023)

- **OCR Exams Officer Update: April 2023**
- **Pearson VQ Bulletin | April 2023**

(27/04/2023)

- **Ofqual** correspondence – [Letter to parents April 2023](#) (A letter to parents written by Dr Jo Saxton, Ofqual's Chief Regulator, highlighting the additional support that we have put in place this year for students taking exams to recognise the disruption they've faced)
- **Ofqual** open consultation – [Proposed amendment to the assessment of Chinese and Japanese AS and A levels](#) (This consultation is on a proposed amendment to the assessment requirements for AS and A level Chinese and Japanese qualifications being taught from autumn 2024. The consultation seeks views on whether, and if so how, Ofqual should amend a requirement for AS and A level qualifications in Chinese and Japanese that limits how many marks can be used for responses in English. The consultation closes at 11:45pm on 31 May 2023)
- **Pearson General Qualifications Bulletin | Issue 44**
- **DfE** National statistics – [Level 2 and 3 attainment by young people aged 16 to 25 in 2022](#) (Information on the attainment of young people aged 16 to 25 in 2022, based on matched administrative data)

(24/04/2023) **Qualifications Wales** blog – [Supporting learners in Wales as we continue the return to pre-pandemic exam arrangements](#)

(21/04/2023) **STA** guidance – [Dispatch of exam scripts: yellow label service](#) (Updated dispatch of exam scripts guide for 2023)

(20/04/2023)

- **Pearson Exams Officer Update | 20 April 2023**
- **Qualifications Wales** statistics – [Appeals for GCSE, AS and A level in Wales: summer 2022 exam series](#)
- **DfE** guidance:
 - [Secondary accountability measures \(including Progress 8 and Attainment 8\)](#) (Updated 'Secondary accountability measures: 2022 guidance' to include information about how 2022 to 2023 performance measures will be presented. The update clarifies how English GCSEs count in Progress 8/Attainment 8 and the EBacc measures. There is also an update to table 13 from provisional to revised figures.)
 - [16 to 18 accountability headline measures](#) (Updated '16 to 18 accountability measures: technical guidance' to include information about how 2022 to 2023 performance measures will be presented and an update to table 1)

(18/04/2023)

- **Summer (May/June) 2024** provisional exam timetables published on [AQA](#), [OCR](#), [Pearson](#) and [WJEC / Eduqas](#) websites – Deadline for feedback/comments 12 May 2023
- **WJEC** article – [Summer 2023: NEA Guidance](#)
- **Eduqas** article – [Summer 2023: NEA Guidance](#)
- **Ofqual** guidance:
 - [Exams and assessment checklist for exam officers](#) (A poster for exam officers containing a checklist to help run a successful exam series)
 - [Centre practice to help keep mobile phones out of exams and assessment venues](#) (Advice from exams officers to exams officers on keeping mobile phones out of assessment venues)
 - [Student Checklist](#) (A checklist for exam officers to give to exam students to help them prepare for their assessments)
 - [Guide for schools and colleges: 2023](#) (Guidance for schools, colleges and other exam or assessment centres on qualifications arrangements for 2023. This guide explains what schools, colleges and

other exam or assessment centres can expect from awarding organisations regulated by Ofqual. It also explains the changes in place to arrangements for qualifications in 2023)

- [Coping with exam pressure – a guide for students](#) (Updated to include more detailed suggestions on tackling worry around revising)
- **Ofqual** recently published [Ofqual's Student Guide for 2023](#) and has now published [presentation slides](#) based on the guide for teachers to use with students, for example in assemblies
- **Ofqual** Collection – [Resources to help support exams officers in their roles](#) (Resources to support exams officers in their important role, covering GCSE, A level, T Level and vocational and technical qualification (VTQ) assessments)
- The **Ofqual** blog:
 - [A day in the life of an exams officer is never dull or boring](#)
 - [Mobile phones in exams: what malpractice stats show us](#)

(17/04/2023) **DfE** guidance – [Key stage 4 qualifications, discount codes and point scores](#) (Updated 'Key stage 4 qualifications and discount codes: 2014 to 2025 performance tables')

(05/04/2023)

- **Ofqual: rolling update** (Updated to provide information on joint communications principles published by the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) and Federation of Awarding Bodies (FAB). Removed section on review of Level 2 and Level 3 results delays, as this has been superseded by another update)
- **DfE** guidance updated:
 - [English Baccalaureate: eligible qualifications](#) ('Key stage 4 qualifications counting in the English Baccalaureate' was updated)
 - [16 to 18 qualifications, discount codes and point scores](#) ('16 to 18 qualifications and discount codes: 2018 to 2025 performance tables' and 'Performance points for qualifications counting in the 16 to 18 performance tables 2023' were updated)
 - [Key stage 4 qualifications, discount codes and point scores](#) ('Performance points for qualifications counting in the 2023 key stage 4 performance tables' and 'Key stage 4 qualifications and discount codes: 2014 to 2025 performance tables' have been updated)
 - [Performance points: comparing KS4 or 16 to 18 qualifications](#) ('Performance points: a practical guide to key stage 4 and 16 to 18 performance points' was updated)

(30/03/2023)

- **OCR Exams Officer Update: March 2023**
- **OCR Final spring term bulletin**
- **DfE** national statistics updated:
 - [A level and other 16 to 18 results: 2022 \(revised\)](#) (Updated 'A level and other 16 to 18 results: 2022 (revised)' statistics with added retention data for mainstream schools and colleges)
 - [16 to 18 school, college and multi-academy trust performance data in England: 2021 to 2022 \(revised\)](#) (Added retention data for mainstream schools and colleges)

(29/03/2023)

- **DfE Cyber Security Standards for schools and colleges**
- **DfE Cyber Security Guidance – March 2023** (As exam season approaches the Department for Education is reminding schools and colleges to review their cyber security and backup policies)
- **DfE** Policy paper - [Generative artificial intelligence in education](#) (The Department for Education's (DfE) position on the use of generative artificial intelligence (AI) in the education sector)
- **AQA** update – [Artificial intelligence use in assessments: protecting the integrity of qualifications](#)
- **Ofqual** guidance – [Key dates for vocational and technical qualifications in 2023](#) (Information hub of key dates and deadlines for Level 3 qualifications used alongside or in place of A levels for progression to further or higher education)
- **Ofqual** collection updated – [Vocational and Technical Qualification results: Action Plan](#) (Link added to guidance page giving key dates for vocational and technical qualifications in 2023 (VTQ Information Hub))

- [Ofqual: rolling update](#) (Section added describing the new VTQ information hub for use by schools and colleges)

(28/03/2023)

- [JCQ Update – 28 March 2023](#)
- **JCQ** publishes guidance for Teachers and Assessors – [AI Use in Assessments: Protecting the Integrity of Qualifications](#)
- **Qualifications Wales** news – **Support is available for learners via Power Up**

(27/03/2023) **DfE** guidance issued – [Register to offer T Levels](#) (Information for post-16 providers on how to register to offer T Levels for the first time in the 2025 to 2026 academic year)

(24/03/2023)

- **JCQ** publish [Key Dates – November 2023](#)
- **JCQ** publish [Notice to Centres – Release of results June 2023 examinations](#)

(23/03/2023) **Pearson** [VQ Bulletin | March 2023](#)

(22/03/2023) **Pearson** [General Qualifications Bulletin | Issue 43](#)

(21/03/2023)

- **Ofqual** publishes the [Ofqual Student Guide 2023](#) (The guide covers both GCSEs, AS, A levels, other general qualifications, and vocational and technical qualifications. A condensed version of the student guide is also available in [HTML](#) and [PDF format](#))
- **Pearson Exams Officer Update | 21 March 2023**

(20/03/2023) **Ofqual** open consultation - [Updating Qualification Level Conditions for T Level Technical Qualifications](#) (Changes which allow students to take the Core Exam and Core Project separately at their first attempt and additional minor updates. This consultation closes at 10:45pm on 15 May 2023)

(17/03/2023)

- **Qualifications Wales** news - [Vocational qualifications results in summer 2023](#)
- (**DfE**) The Education Hub blog – [What are reasonable adjustments and how do they help disabled pupils at school?](#)

(16/03/2023)

- **Ofqual** guidance published – [VTQ results Action Plan: measures for 2023](#) (Statement of measures to which the relevant awarding organisations have committed, to ensure correct and complete results are issued to students in summer 2023)

The Action Plan brings forward the eligibility checks and quality assurance awarding organisations, schools and colleges will need to conduct, so that these are completed during term time. 2023's arrangements are a significant change to how many VTQs have operated historically in order to support parity of treatment for students, irrespective of the qualification they are taking.

The 3 deadlines are:

- **26 May 2023** – the latest date by which awarding organisations must have agreed with schools and colleges which students expect to receive a result by 17 August
- **23 June 2023** – the latest date by which awarding organisations must have agreed with schools and colleges the remaining information or evidence needed for each student to receive a result
- **14 August 2023** – the latest date by which awarding organisations should issue VTQ results to schools and colleges

There's a new collection page – [Vocational and Technical Qualification results: Action Plan](#) which includes a link to the original action plan and to the measures statement. Future updates will be added here too.

- [Ofqual: rolling update](#) (Update added drawing attention to the publication of Ofqual's statement announcing new deadlines and other measures intended to ensure that awarding organisations issue complete and correct level 3 vocational and technical qualifications (VTQ) results to students in summer 2023)

(16/03/2023) **Ofqual** open consultation – [Regulating level 2 and below qualifications supporting progression to higher levels of study](#) (Proposed regulatory approach for entry level, level 1 and level 2 qualifications supporting progression to higher levels of study in England. This consultation closes at 11:59pm on 25 May 2023)

(15/03/2023) **DfE** guidance updated – [Review of post-16 qualifications at level 3 and below in England](#) (Added 'Post-16 qualifications at level 2 and below from spring 2023')

(09/03/2023)

- **Qualifications Wales** news - [Overview of the January 2023 results](#)
- **WJEC** article - [Congratulations to students collecting their January 2023 results today](#)

(08/03/2023)

- **AQA** update [Submitting digital media files in summer 2023](#)
- **JCQ** publishes [Infographic - Hints and tips for exam officers – Entries](#)

(03/03/2023)

- **OCR** [Monthly Bulletin – March 2023](#)
- **JCQ** publishes [Infographic – helpful tips for processing special consideration applications](#)

(02/03/2023) **Pearson** [Exams Officer Update | 2 March 2023](#)

(01/03/2023) **WJEC** article – [Gearing up for another successful summer series](#)

(28/02/2022)

- **JCQ Webinars: Support for Exams Officers for Summer 2023 Examination Series** (**JCQ** is pleased to announce that the JCQ Centre Inspection Service will be running a series of online support sessions during March for exams officers. These live events will provide an overview of the JCQ regulations for any exams officers running exams this summer and cover the role of exams officers)
- **DfE** national statistics updated:
 - [Secondary school performance data in England: 2021 to 2022](#) (Updated 'Secondary school performance data in England: 2021 to 2022' with revised multi-academy trust data)
 - [16 to 18 school, college and multi-academy trust performance data in England: 2021 to 2022 \(revised\)](#) (Added data for multi-academy trusts)

(22/02/2022) **Pearson** issues [General Qualifications Bulletin](#)

(20/02/2023)

- **JCQ** publishes [Infographic – Key reminders for exams officers](#) to support exams officers when conducting exams
- **DfE** guidance updated – [GCSE French, German and Spanish subject content](#) (Provided grammar annexes D and E in spreadsheet format for accessibility and there are some minor updates as described in the 'Table of changes from May 2022')

(16/02/2023) **Ofqual** updates regulation – [GCSE subject-level conditions and requirements for French, German and Spanish](#) (Revised to detail the NEA weighting in new Condition GCSE (French, German and Spanish) 4.2 and make consequential changes to the numbering of Condition GCSE (French, German and Spanish) 4)

(14/02/2023)

- **AQA** [Exams Officer Update Live – February 2023](#)
- **Ofqual** open consultation updated – [Consultation on regulating level 1 and 2 qualifications designed to lead to employment](#) (Added link to the consultation survey on the main consultation page)

(13/02/2023) **Pearson** issues [VQ Bulletin | February 2023 edition](#)

(09/02/2023) **AQA** [Summer 2023 entries guidance](#)

(08/02/2023)

- **JCQ** [blog to help centres when planning a change of address or a change of secure storage room](#)
- **Pearson** [Exams Officer Update | 8 February 2023](#)
- **OCR** [Exams Officer Update: February 2023](#)
- **DfE** guidance updated – [Secondary accountability measures \(including Progress 8 and Attainment 8\)](#)

(07/02/2023) **JCQ** [Suspected Malpractice Policies and Procedures \(Revision one: 7 February 2023\)](#) published

(06/02/2023)

- **JCQ** news release - [Margaret Farragher appointed as JCQ's new Chief Executive](#)
- **WJEC** news – [Advance Information for Summer 2023 examinations](#)

(03/02/2023) **OCR** [Monthly Bulletin – February 2023](#)

(02/02/2023)

- **DfE** national statistics:
 - [Secondary school performance data in England: 2021 to 2022](#) (The achievements of pupils at key stage 4, at school level, local authority area and in England)
 - [Key stage 4 performance 2022](#) (Statistics on the achievements of young people at the end of key stage 4 in England, in the 2021 to 2022 academic year)
 - [16 to 18 school and college performance data in England: 2021 to 2022 \(revised\)](#) (The attainment of students at the end of their 16 to 18 study in England)
 - [A level and other 16 to 18 results: 2022 \(revised\)](#) (The attainment of students at the end of their 16 to 18 study in England)
- **DfE** guidance updated – [Secondary accountability measures \(including Progress 8 and Attainment 8\)](#) (Information for schools about secondary school accountability measures, including Progress 8 and Attainment 8)

(31/01/2023) **Ofqual** guidance updated – [Action Plan: Vocational and Technical Qualification results 2023](#) (Added link to online response form for schools, colleges and other exam centres)

(30/01/2023)

- [JCQ Newsletter](#) issued
- **Revised** November 2023 provisional exam timetables published on [AQA](#), [OCR](#), [Pearson](#), [WJEC/Eduqas](#) websites (Deadline for comments/feedback – **Friday 10 February 2023**)
- **JCQ** publishes [Approval process and timelines for reformed post-16 qualifications confirmed January 2023](#)

(26/01/2023)

- **Qualifications Wales** – [Your guide to exams and assessments is now available](#) (Qualifications Wales publishes its guide to exams and assessments 2022-23, to give learners the information they need about arrangements for their qualifications)
- **Ofqual** open consultation – [Regulating level 2 qualifications supporting progression to T Levels](#) (Proposed regulatory approach for level 2 qualifications supporting progression to T Levels. This consultation closes at 11:45pm on 6 April 2023)
- **JCQ** publishes [An overview of the access arrangements and reasonable adjustments process for centres accepting private candidates](#)

(25/01/2023) **Pearson** [Exams Officer Update | 25 January 2023](#)

(19/01/2023)

- **Ofqual** speech – [Sir Ian Bauckham CBE at the Sixth Form Colleges Association winter conference](#) (Ofqual's Chair looks ahead to assessment and examination results in 2023)
- **OCR** issues [Exams Officer Update: January 2023](#)
- **AQA** [Exams Officer Update Live](#)

(18/01/2023)

- **Pearson** issues [General Qualifications Bulletin](#)
- **Ofqual** guidance updated – [Exam system contingency plan: England, Wales and Northern Ireland](#) (updated 'General contingency guidance' to include 'Handling strike action in schools from the Department for Education in England')

(16/01/2023)

- **Ofqual: rolling update** (updated to include guidance on industrial action)
- **JCQ** [FAQs – contingency arrangements, January 2023 examination series](#)

(12/01/2023) **Qualifications Wales** news – [Overview of November 2022 results](#)

(11/01/2023)

- **November 2023 provisional exam timetables** published on [AQA](#), [OCR](#), [Pearson](#), [WJEC/Eduqas](#) websites (Deadline for comments/feedback – **27 January 2023**)
- **Pearson** issues [Vocational Qualifications Bulletin | January 2023](#)
- **Pearson** issues [Exams Officer Update | 11 January 2023](#)
- The **Ofqual** blog – [GCSE English language and maths results from the November series](#)
- **JCQ** publishes overall [results for the November series for GCSE English language and maths](#)
- **Ofqual** regulation updated – [GCSE \(9 to 1\) qualification-level conditions and requirements](#) and [GCE qualification-level conditions and requirements](#)

(10/01/2023)

- **Ofqual** guidance updated – [Understand our rules](#)
- **Ofqual** news story – [Ofqual seeks views on rules for level 2 and below qualifications](#) (Consultation begins on regulation of level 2 and below qualifications leading to employment)
- **Ofqual** open consultation – [Consultation on regulating level 1 and 2 qualifications designed to lead to employment](#) (This consultation closes at 11:45pm on 20 March 2023)
- **Ofqual** consultation outcome – [Regulating alternative academic and alternative technical qualifications at level 3](#)
- **Ofqual** regulation published – [Alternative Academic and Alternative Technical Qualifications - Qualification Level Conditions, Requirements and Guidance](#) (Regulatory conditions, requirements and guidance for awarding organisations offering Alternative Academic and Alternative Technical Qualifications at Level 3)
- **DfE** updates guidance – [Review of post-16 qualifications at level 3 in England](#) (The 'Guide to the post-16 qualifications landscape at level 3 and below for 2025 and beyond' has been replaced with an updated version. The 'Timeline for the post-16 qualifications landscape at level 3 and below for 2025 and beyond' has been added)

(09/01/2023) **WJEC** news – [Additional Guidance for Teachers now available](#) – 'Guidance for Teachers (in the event of disruption to Teaching and Learning)'

(06/01/2023) **OCR** [Monthly Bulletin – January 2023](#) issued

(22/12/2022) **Ofqual** guidance updated – [Action Plan: Vocational and Technical Qualification results 2023](#) (In the list of Taskforce members, the Office for Students (John Blake) has been added. Also the Department for Education representatives' names have been replaced with their job titles, and status changed to Observers)

(21/12/2022) [Ofqual letter to higher education admissions officers: arrangements for exams and assessments in 2023](#)

(20/12/2022)

- **Ofqual** investigation of student, parent and teacher views on the 2020 to 2021 arrangements for GCSE, A level and some vocational qualifications – [The impact of COVID-19 on 2020 to 2021 assessment arrangements](#)
- **Ofqual** news story – [Further analysis of 2021 National Reference Tests](#)

(16/12/2022)

- [JCQ Bulletin – 16 December 2022](#) (Summer 2023 contingency days; UCAS predicted grades and Grade Boundaries; Invigilator recruitment; Department for Education Update: Process to amend qualifications currently counting for 2024; Private Candidates; Useful links)
- **Qualifications Wales** publishes [Malpractice in GCSE, AS and A level in Wales: summer 2022 exam series](#)

(15/12/2022)

- **OCR** news – [Cambridge Technicals summer 2022 results review: Key findings and recommendations](#)
- **Ofqual** publishes the following reports, along with a [news story](#):
 - [GCSE, AS and A level summer report 2022](#)
 - [Delivery and award of vocational and technical qualifications in 2022](#)
 - [Action Plan: Vocational and Technical Qualification results 2023](#)

- **Ofqual** correspondence – [Ofqual letter to awarding organisations: VTQs in summer 2022](#)
- **Ofqual** has also published the following official statistics:
 - [Official statistics: Reviews of marking and moderation for GCSE, AS and A level: summer 2022 exam series](#)
 - [Official statistics: Special consideration in GCSE AS and A level: summer 2022 exam series](#)
 - [Official statistics: Malpractice in GCSE, AS and A level: summer 2022 exam series](#)
- **Qualifications Wales** publishes [Review of late results for vocational qualifications in summer 2022](#)

(14/12/2022)

- **Pearson** issues [General Qualifications Bulletin](#)
- **JCQ** publishes [Case studies of disabled candidates with significant difficulties to assist SENCos and senior leaders](#)
- **OCR** issues [Exams Officer Update: December 2022](#)
- **Pearson** issues [Exams Officer Update | 14 December 2022](#)

(12/12/2022) **AQA** issues [Exams Update – December 2022](#)

(09/12/2022)

- **Ofqual** official statistics announcements:
 - [Reviews of marking and moderation for GCSE, AS and A level: summer 2022 exam series](#)
 - [Malpractice in GCSE, AS and A level: summer 2022 exam series](#)
- **Ofqual** [Open letters: arrangements for exams and assessments in 2023](#) updated (Two changes have been made: 1. clarification of whom the student letter applies to, and 2. a link to 'Supporting resilience in the exam system in 2023' has been added to the student letter)
- **Qualifications Wales** publication - [Reviews of marking and moderation for GCSE, AS and A level in Wales: Summer 2022 exam series](#)

(08/12/2022)

- The **Ofqual** blog - [Better information about qualifications – what would help you?](#) (Ofqual has published a survey to find out what information is most useful for people searching for qualifications, how Ofqual's Register contributes to this, and what enhancements could make it a more valuable service for you)
- **Ofqual** publishes [Open letters: arrangements for exams and assessments in 2023](#) (Letters to heads and students about arrangements for GCSEs, AS and A levels and vocational qualifications in 2023)
- [Ofqual: rolling update](#) updated to include outcomes of consultations regarding MFL, formulae and equation sheets and resilience

(07/12/2022) **Pearson** issues [Exams Officer Update | 7 December 2022](#)

(06/12/2022)

- **Qualifications Wales** publication - [Guidance on contingency assessment arrangements for approved GCSEs, AS and A levels](#)
- **Pearson** issues [Vocational Qualifications Bulletin](#)

(02/12/2022)

- **OCR** news - [Summer 2023 consultation outcomes confirmed](#)
- **AQA** news and insight - [Ofqual's plans to support students in 2023 exams confirmed](#)
- **OCR** [Monthly Bulletin – December 2022](#) issued

(01/12/2022) **Qualifications Wales** publication – [Provisional November 2022 GCSE Entries for Wales](#)

(During November 2022) **JCQ** published a series of (Access arrangements) [Infographics](#)

(30/11/2022)

- **DfE** publishes consultation outcome – [Changes to the subject content for modern foreign language GCSEs](#)
- **Ofqual** publishes the following consultation decisions and analysis regarding arrangements for 2023, along with a [news story](#):

- [Ensuring the resilience of the qualifications system in 2023: GCSE, AS, A level, Project and AEA and related guidance](#)
- [Proposed changes to the assessment of mathematics, physics and combined science GCSEs in 2023](#)
- [Proposed changes to the assessment of Modern Foreign Language GCSEs from 2023](#)
- **Ofqual** updates [Exam system contingency plan: England, Wales and Northern Ireland](#) (Removing information related to pandemic disruption for 2021 to 2022, adding links to newly published guidance and updating existing links)

(24/11/2022) **Ofqual** Official Statistics – [Entries for GCSE: November 2022 exam series](#)

(23/11/2022) **Cambridge International** [Update on our support measures for schools in 2023](#)

(22/11/2022) **Qualifications Wales** news – [Have Your Say on proposals to improve how awarding bodies promote the availability of Welsh-medium qualifications](#)

(18/11/2022)

- **Ofqual** Speech – [Ian Bauckham CBE at the Schools and Academies Show 2022](#) (The Chair of Ofqual discusses plans for exams and grading for 2023 and considers the future of exams and assessment, including increased use of technology)
- **Qualifications Wales** publication - [Access arrangements for GCSE, AS and A level in Wales: 2021/22 academic year](#)

(17/11/2022)

- **Pearson** issues [General Qualifications Bulletin](#)
- **Ofqual** Official Statistics – [Entries and late entries for GCSE, AS and A level: 2021 to 2022 academic year](#)
- **Qualifications Wales** news – [Time running out to Have Your Say on major overhaul of GCSEs in Wales](#)

(16/11/2022) **OCR** issues [OCR Exams Officer Update: November 2022](#)

(15/11/2022) **Pearson** issues [Vocational Qualifications Bulletin | November 2022 Edition](#)

(11/11/2022) **Qualifications Wales** publication – [Special consideration in GCSE, AS and A level in Wales: summer 2022 exam series](#)

(10/11/2022)

- **DfE** National statistics – [A level and other 16 to 18 results: 2022 \(provisional\)](#)
- **Ofqual** updates [Official Statistics – Access arrangements for GCSE, AS and A Level: 2021 to 2022 academic year](#)

(09/11/2022)

- **Ofqual** [survey on students' views and experiences of extra time as a reasonable adjustment](#) (This survey is for all students, whether they receive extra time or not, and for all qualification types with timed exams or tests. There is also an opportunity for students to volunteer for a short follow-up online interview exploring these issues in more detail)
- **AQA** issues [Exams Update – November 2022](#)

(08/11/2022)

- **OCR** news – [Cambridge Technicals Level 3 and Level 2 funding update](#)
- **JCQ Bulletin – 8 November 2022** issued (Summer 2023 exam timetables; Key dates; Instructions for Conducting Examinations update)

(04/11/2022)

- **OCR** [Monthly Bulletin – November 2022](#) issued
- **AQA, OCR, Pearson** and **WJEC** publish final summer (June) 2023 exam timetables
- **Qualifications Wales** publication - [Entries and late entries for GCSE and A level in Wales: 2021/22 academic year](#)

(02/11/2022) **Pearson** issues [Exams Officer Update | 2 November 2022](#)

(01/11/2022) **JCQ** publishes – [Key Dates – June 2023](#)

(27/10/2022) **Ofqual** news story – [Research report examines views of assessments during pandemic](#)

(26/10/2022) **Ofqual** [Complaints procedure](#) updated

(25/10/2022)

- **AQA** Exams administration update – [November series 2022: age restrictions](#)
- **JCQ** issues:
 - Revision one: 25 October 2022 – [Instructions for conducting examinations](#)
 - Revision one: 18 October 2022 – [A guide to the special consideration process](#)

(20/10/2022)

- **Qualifications Wales** news - [Summer 2022 - differences in qualification results by learner characteristics](#)
- **DfE** (The Education Hub) blog – [GCSE and Key Stage 4 vocational qualifications data explained](#)
- **DfE** publishes national statistics:
 - [Key stage 4 performance 2022](#)
 - [Secondary school performance data in England: 2021 to 2022](#)
- **DfE** updates guidance – [Secondary accountability measures \(including Progress 8 and Attainment 8\)](#)
- **OCR** issues [Exams Officer Update: October 2022](#)

(19/10/2022)

- **Pearson** issues [General Qualifications Bulletin](#)
- **OCR** article – [Cambridge Nationals Reduction in Assessment from 2021/22: Students Certifying in November 2022](#)
- **DfE** (The Education Hub) blog – [How to understand school performance – everything you need to know](#)

(18/10/2022)

- **DfE** Consultation outcome – [Review of post-16 qualifications at level 2 and below](#)
- **AQA** research blog – [Summer 2022: ensuring fair grades for students](#)

(14/10/2022)

- **DfE** guidance – [Qualifications that overlap with T Levels](#) (Updated the final list of qualifications that will have 16 to 19 funding withdrawn for new starts from 1 August 2024 due to overlap with T Levels)
- **AQA** issues [Exams update – October 2022](#) and [Entry fees for summer 2023](#)

(12/10/2022) **Pearson** issues [Exams Officer Update | 12 October 2022](#)

(10/10/2022)

- **DfE** [Meeting digital and technology standards in schools and colleges](#) manual updated – new section added [Cyber security standards for schools and colleges](#)
- **Ofqual: rolling update** (Added information on 2023 grading and exam arrangements and updated information on 2022 Level 2 and Level 3 results. Removed information no longer immediately relevant to the rolling update including signposting to appeals information, guidance on producing accessible assessments.)

(07/10/2022)

- **Pearson** issues [VQ Bulletin](#)
- **OCR** issues [Monthly Bulletin – October 2022](#)

(06/10/2022) **DfE** guidance updated – [Key stage 4 qualifications, discount codes and point scores](#) ('Key stage 4 discounting and early entry guidance (2022)' has replaced 'Key stage 4 discounting and early entry guidance (2019)' and [Secondary accountability measures \(including Progress 8 and Attainment 8\)](#) (Updated guidance for 2022)

(05/10/2022) **Qualifications Wales** news – [Review into late vocational qualification results](#)

(04/10/2022)

- **WJEC** and **Eduqas** article – [Have you submitted your preliminary entries?](#)
- **Qualifications Wales** news – [Have Your Say on new Made-for-Wales GCSEs](#)

(03/10/2022) **Pearson** issues [Exams Officer Update | 3 October 2022](#)

(30/09/2022) **OCR** news – [Arrangements for Cambridge Nationals and Cambridge Technicals during 2022/23 confirmed](#) and [Summer 2023 arrangements confirmed for GCSE, AS and A Levels](#)

(29/09/2022)

- **AQA** news – [DfE and Ofqual confirm plans for summer 2023](#)
- **WJEC** news – [Summer 2023: Qualifications Wales confirms approach to grading](#) / **Eduqas** news – [Summer 2023: Ofqual confirms approach to grading](#)
- [Qualifications Wales confirms 2023 qualifications grading approach](#)
- **DfE** (The Education Hub) blog – [Exams in 2023 – everything you need to know](#)
- **JCQ** issues [29 September 2022 Bulletin](#) (DfE/Ofqual announcement on 2023 arrangements; Provisional June 2023 GCSE, GCE AS and A-level exam timetables; Special Consideration)
- **Ofqual** and **DfE** have published decisions on arrangements for 2023:
 - [Ofqual article](#) setting out the approach to grading for 2023. Ofqual's aim for those sitting exams and assessments in 2023 is to return to results in line with those in pre-pandemic years, as the next step in getting back to normal.
 - DfE [statement](#) setting out their decisions on adaptations for exams in 2023. DfE has decided students will continue to be provided with support in GCSE mathematics, physics and combined science with formulae and equation sheets and, in light of this, [Ofqual has launched a consultation on these plans](#). The consultation will close on 20 October.
 - DfE has decided students taking GCSEs, AS and A levels will not be provided with advance information on the focus of exams next summer.
 - DfE and Ofqual are [jointly consulting on guidance to schools and colleges](#) about gathering assessment evidence to support resilience in the general qualifications system. The guidance proposes schools and colleges gather evidence in a way that aligns with their normal arrangements for preparing students for exams. The consultation will close on 20 October.
 - DfE and Ofqual are both consulting separately on plans to remove the expectation that students engage with unfamiliar and abstract material, such as unfamiliar vocabulary, within modern foreign language (MFL) GCSE assessments from 2023 onwards. [DfE's consultation covers the curriculum](#), while [Ofqual's consultation covers exam content and how it is assessed](#). Both consultations will close on 20 October.
- **Summer 2023 provisional exam timetables** now available on [AQA](#), [OCR](#), [Pearson](#) and [WJEC](#) / [Eduqas](#) websites – comments/feedback period deadline 13 October 2022

(26/09/2022) The **Ofqual** blog – [The National Reference Test in 2023](#)

(23/09/2022) **OCR** issues [Exams Officer Update: September 2022](#)

(22/09/2022) **Ofqual** and **DfE** publish guidance – [National Reference Test 2023 – information for schools](#)

(21/09/2022) [Ofqual: rolling update](#) (Information about the 2022 summer exam series has been removed as it is no longer relevant. Details about assessment arrangements for GCSE, A level and AS levels in 2023 have been added to the "Subject content and assessment arrangements: 2022 to 2023" section)

(16/09/2022)

- **AQA** issues [Exams Update – September 2022](#)
- **DfE** open consultation - [Implementing a new FE funding and accountability system](#) (seeking views on DfE proposals for reforming the further education (FE) funding and accountability system)

(15/09/2022) Pearson issues [VQ Bulletin](#)

(14/09/2022) **Pearson** issues [Exams Officer Update | 14 September 2022](#)

(13/09/2022) **JCQ Bulletin** issued

(10/09/2022) **DfE** update: Monday 19th September will be a Bank Holiday to mark Her Majesty the Queen Elizabeth II's State Funeral. Schools and colleges will be closed for the Bank Holiday. [Press release](#)