



Guide to results

SKILLS CHALLENGE COMPONENTS

January 2024 series

This document provides an overview of results for **the Skills Challenge Components**. It gives details on what to expect on results days, the documentation you will receive, information on grade boundaries and where additional advice and guidance can be found.

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1. Results Day

i) Collecting Exam Results

Candidates must receive their examination results from their school or college (centre), usually on the published results day.

For the January 2024 series, the publication of results day is from 8.00am **Thursday 7 March 2024**.

WJEC is unable to provide or discuss results over the telephone or via email communication with candidates or parents, even if the school or college is closed. Candidates should therefore check with their school or college when and where results will be available for collection and how and with whom they can discuss any issues or concerns.

Results must not be divulged to others including local authorities and the media until after 9.30am on the Thursday.

ii) What to expect

On Results Day, candidates normally receive a result slip showing their results.

At this point, results are designated as provisional; changes may be made at a later point, for example, following a Review of Moderation.

iii) How are results displayed on a result slip?

Results slips will show candidate results for each challenge taken within the January series.

Each challenge is awarded the following grades:

	National /Foundation	Advanced
Project	L1 Pass (P1), L2 Pass (P2), L2 Merit (M2), L2 Distinction (D2)	L3 Pass (P), L3 Merit (M) or L3 Distinction (D)
Enterprise & Employability	L1 Pass (P1), L2 Pass (P2), L2 Merit (M2), L2 Distinction (D2)	L3 Pass (P), L3 Merit (M) or L3 Distinction (D)
Global	L1 Pass (P1), L2 Pass (P2), L2 Merit (M2), L2 Distinction (D2)	L3 Pass (P), L3 Merit (M) or L3 Distinction (D)
Community	L1 Pass (P1), L2 Pass (P2), L2 Merit (M2), L2 Distinction (D2)	L3 Pass (P), L3 Merit (M) or L3 Distinction (D)

iv) Symbols used on a result slip

In addition to grades, results slips may also contain other symbols:

X indicates that a result is not being issued due to the candidate being absent for all components/units. It may also be because a decision has been made not to issue a result. Any subject with an (X) will not appear on the certificate.

Q indicates that a result is not being issued as a grade has not been provided.

This indicator is shown next to the overall grade if a candidate completed work for some, but not all, of the subject's components or units.

2. Understanding your results

i) Explaining grades

Individual project and Challenge grades are reported as;

Advanced L3 Pass, L3 Merit or L3 Distinction

National/Foundation L1 Pass, L2 Pass, L2 Merit, L2 Distinction

ii) Explaining marks

- **Raw marks**

The individual Project and each challenge is allocated a total raw mark.

- **Uniform Marks Scale (UMS)**

Raw marks are converted into a uniform mark (UMS) which is used as a device for reporting, recording and aggregating candidates' challenge/component assessment outcomes.

Uniform marks are reported as whole marks and so, where necessary, they will be subject to "rounding up" (e.g. a uniform mark of 19.6 will be reported as 20). Although rare, this may mean that a raw mark at the top end of the range of marks within a grade may convert to a rounded up uniform mark which equates to the next grade up. Please note that although the unit grade will not be raised as part of the rounding up process, the rounded up uniform mark will be used in the calculation of the overall grade

The UMS grade boundaries for the Individual Project and the challenges are:

Advanced

	Max UMS	D	M	P
Individual Project	150	120	90	60
Enterprise & Employability	75	60	45	30
Global	75	60	45	30
Community	75	60	45	30

National/Foundation

	Max UMS	D2	M2	P2	P1
Individual Project	150	120	90	60	30
Enterprise & Employability	75	60	45	30	15
Global	75	60	45	30	15
Community	75	60	45	30	15

iii) How are marks converted into grades?

- The overall qualification grade is calculated by adding together the uniform marks achieved in the individual challenges/components. This gives candidates a total uniform mark which converts to an overall grade based on the grade boundary.

3. Grade Boundaries

Grade Boundaries are the minimum number of marks needed to achieve each grade. Grade boundaries ensure that whenever the challenge/component is sat, candidates receive the same grade for the same level of performance.

UMS Grade Boundaries remain the same every year as the range of UMS mark percentages allocated to a particular grade does not change. UMS grade boundaries are published at overall subject and challenge/component level.

4. What to do if a candidate wants to query a result

It is important that candidates discuss any concerns with their school or college, usually an Exams Officer or teacher, and decide on the best options available.

If it is considered that there may have been an error, an application can be made by the centre for one or more of the post-results services offered by WJEC. Applications cannot be submitted by internal candidates or parents. Private candidates are encouraged to seek advice and apply through their entering centre but may apply directly by emailing our Post Results Service prs@wjec.co.uk stating the candidate name, candidate number, centre name and number in any correspondence.

Services include:

- Post-results review of moderation – please note this is not available for individual candidates.

Candidate consent is not required for a review of moderation as the original grade will not be lowered. However, candidates and centres should be aware that a lowered mark would be carried forward to future certification.

The outcome will be issued directly from WJEC to the school or college, who will then pass the information onto candidates. If a private candidate has applied directly to WJEC, the outcome will be issued to them. **Once an outcome has been issued, the**

original mark cannot be re-instated in any circumstance, even if the new mark is lower than the original mark.

5. When are certificates available?

No certificates will be issued for the Individual Project or challenges taken in January 2024.