



# **Guide to Results**

## **for Candidates and Parents**

# **Skills Challenge Certificate and Welsh Baccalaureate**

**June 2018**

## 1. Results Day

### i) Collecting Results

Candidates must collect their results from their school or college, usually on the published results day for the qualifications they have sat.

For 2018, the dates for publication of results are:

Advanced **Thursday 16 August**

KS4 & Post 16 **Thursday 23 August**

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.

### ii) What to expect

On results day, candidates will receive a results slip showing their results. At this point results are designated as provisional; changes may be made at a later point, for example, following an Enquiries About Results (EAR), also known as Review of Marking or Moderation.

### iii) How are results displayed on a results slip?

Results slips will show:

- For each **Challenge and the Individual Project**, a UMS mark and a grade.
- For the **Skills Challenge Certificate**, the total UMS out of 300 and a grade.
- For the **Welsh Baccalaureate**, either a P (Pass) or F (Fail).

Separate results slips will be produced for the summer and January series.

## 2. Understanding your results

### i) Explaining marks

The Uniform Mark Scale (UMS) is used for the Skills Challenge Certificate for reporting, recording and aggregating candidates' component marks. The UMS is used so that candidates who achieve the same standard will have the same uniform mark, irrespective of when the component was taken.

The maximum UMS for any component depends on its contribution to the total mark of the Skills Challenge Certificate. For each component, the relationships between the contribution and UMS are shown in the following table.

Component	Weighting	Total UMS
Individual Project	50%	150
Enterprise and Employability Challenge	20%	60
Global Citizenship Challenge	15%	45
Community Challenge	15%	45

### ii) Explaining component grades

The four components are awarded the following grades for each form of the Skills Challenge Certificate qualification:

<b>KS4 National/Foundation</b>	<b>P1</b> = L1 Pass	<b>P2</b> = L2 Pass	<b>M2</b> = L2 Merit	<b>D2</b> = L2 Distinction
<b>Post-16 National</b>	<b>P1</b> = L1 Pass	<b>P2</b> = L2 Pass	<b>M2</b> = L2 Merit	<b>D2</b> = L2 Distinction
<b>Post-16 Foundation</b>	<b>P1</b> = L1 Pass	<b>M1</b> = L1 Merit		
<b>Advanced</b>	<b>P</b> = Pass	<b>M</b> = Merit	<b>D</b> = Distinction	

L1 = level 1 (GCSE grade D-G equivalent)

L2 = level 2 (GCSE grade A\*-C equivalent)

### iii) Explaining Skills Challenge Certificate grades

The total UMS (out of 300) is determined when all four components have been completed. The grade for the qualification is then allocated. A candidate must **pass all four components** to be awarded a grade for the Skills Challenge Certificate.

#### KS4 National/Foundation

The Skills Challenge Certificate can be achieved at either National or Foundation level. The National is graded A\*- C. To achieve a grade C a candidate **must** have at least a L2 Pass in the Individual Project and 2 of the Challenges, the other Challenge must be at least a L1 Pass. The higher grades are determined by the UMS in table below.

<b>Grade Boundaries</b>	<b>A*</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>Total UMS</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>180</b>

The Foundation Skills Challenge Certificate is graded Pass\* or Pass. A candidate will gain this level if they have not met the requirements for the National but have gained a minimum of a L1 Pass in all four components. Otherwise the result will be a U grade (unclassified).

### Foundation (post-16)

The Foundation (post-16) Skills Challenge Certificate is graded Pass\* or Pass. Candidates **must** achieve at least a **L1 pass in all four components** otherwise the result will be a U grade (unclassified). To achieve a Pass\* grade a total of 210 UMS is required.

### National (post-16)

The National (post-16) Skills Challenge Certificate is graded A\*-C. To achieve a grade C a candidate **must** have at least a L2 Pass in the Individual Project and 2 of the Challenges, the other Challenge must be at least a L1 Pass. Otherwise the result will be a U grade (unclassified). The higher grades are determined by the UMS in table below.

Grade Boundaries	A*	A	B
Total UMS	270	240	180

### Advanced

The Advanced Skills Challenge Certificate is graded A\*- E and a candidate **must** achieve at least a **L3 Pass in all four components**. Otherwise the result will be a U grade (unclassified).

Grade Boundaries	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
Total UMS	270	240	210	180	150	120	0

### iii) Explaining the Welsh Baccalaureate grades

The Welsh Baccalaureate consists of the **Skills Challenge Certificate** alongside **Supporting Qualifications**. The Welsh Baccalaureate is awarded at Advanced, National or Foundation level. To achieve a Pass a candidate must achieve the following:

Level	Skills Challenge Certificate grade	Supporting Qualifications
<b>KS4 National</b>	National A*- C	Grades <b>A* - C</b> in the following: GCSE English Language <i>or</i> Welsh Language + GCSE Mathematics or Mathematics – Numeracy + 3 more GCSEs of which 2 can be vocational equivalents
<b>KS4 Foundation</b>	National A*- C or Foundation Pass* or Pass	Grades <b>A* - G</b> in the following: GCSE English Language <i>or</i> Welsh Language + GCSE Mathematics or Mathematics – Numeracy + 3 more GCSEs of which 2 can be vocational equivalents

Level	Skills Challenge Certificate grade	Supporting Qualifications
<b>Post-16 National</b>	A* - C	GCSE A* - C in English Language <i>or</i> Welsh Language <i>or</i> Essential Communication Skill at L2 or above + GCSE A* - C in Mathematics or Mathematics – Numeracy or Essential Application of Number Skill at L2 or above + A maximum of four Level 2 qualifications with a total of at least 300 GLH
<b>Post-16 Foundation</b>	Pass or Pass*	GCSE A* - G in English Language <i>or</i> Welsh Language <i>or</i> Essential Communication Skill at L1 or above + GCSE A* - G in Mathematics or Mathematics – Numeracy or Essential Application of Number Skill at L1 or above + A maximum four Level 1 qualifications with a total of at least 300 GLH
<b>Advanced</b>	A* - E	Grades <b>A* - C</b> in the following: GCSE English Language <i>or</i> Welsh Language + GCSE Mathematics or Mathematics – Numeracy + 2 A levels A*-E <b>or</b> One A level at grade A* - E and a Pass in one level 3 vocational qualification of at least 300 GLH <b>or</b> Pass grade in one or two level 3 vocational qualifications which total at least 600 GLH

### 3. When are certificates available?

Certificates for summer 2018 will be sent to schools, colleges and other institutions by the 7th of November, not to individual candidates.

Candidates should check that their personal details, name and date of birth are correct on their results slip and inform the Exams Officer if there are any errors. If errors aren't corrected at this stage, there will be a charge for replacing certificates after they have been issued.