

VCE Examination Results May/June 2001

Information and Guidance For Centres

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A. VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION RESULTS LIST

1. General Notes

The following notes are intended to help in the interpretation and correct use of the results sheets.

The candidates are listed in candidate number order. The results, in the form of grades, are printed immediately opposite the candidates' names and after the colon to the right of the subject number and short qualification title.

The details shown on the results sheets should be carefully checked against the school or college records of candidates' examination numbers, names and entries and any discrepancies reported to Edexcel **before the results are sent out to the candidates concerned**. The results list and Individual Candidate Statement of Results contain information which is sent out in advance of certificates and, while every effort has been made to ensure accuracy, Edexcel reserves the right to make corrections.

2. VCE Results / Grades at a glance:

VCE Advanced Subsidiary / VCE Advanced:

Grade	Explanation
A (a), B (b), C (c), D (d), E (e)	Passes, where Grade A is highest and Grade E lowest
U (UNCL)	Unclassified – performance below standard required for grade E. This will not be recorded on the certificate.
# [next to grade]	Indicates that candidate was absent from part of the examination and was awarded zero for the part. Result awarded on the components actually taken
'X' 'NO RESULT'	Indicates that a result is not being issued because of an absence from all parts of the examination, or decision not to issue a result for any other reason
'Q' 'PENDING'	Indicates that no result has been issued as the marks for one or more components of the examination are not available. The candidate is advised to contact the examination officer at the centre for further details.

VCE Advanced Double:

Grade	Explanation
AA (aa), AB (ab), BB (bb), BC (bc), CC (cc), CD (cd), DD (dd), DE (de), EE (ee)	Passes where Grade AA is the highest and Grade EE the lowest
U (UNCL)	Unclassified – performance below standard required for grade E. This will not be recorded on the certificate.
# [next to grade]	Indicates that candidate was absent from part of the examination and was awarded zero for the part. Result awarded on the components actually taken
'X' 'NO RESULT'	Indicates that a result is not being issued because of an absence from all parts of the examination, or decision not to issue a result for any other reason
'Q' 'PENDING'	Indicates that no result has been issued as the marks for one or more components of the examination are not available. The candidate is advised to contact the examination officer at the centre for further details.

3. Absence

A VCE grade issued in cases where the candidate was absent without an acceptable reason is indicated on the Individual Candidate Statement of Results and on the VCE Certificate by the symbol # next to the subject grade and a note to explain that the grade was awarded on incomplete examination evidence. Absence from all parts of a subject examination or a decision not to issue a result for any other reason is denoted by **'X' 'NO RESULT'**.

A candidate who is seeking VCE certification and who was absent without an acceptable reason for one or more units will be awarded a VCE result in the subject. Provided that the candidate has been entered for the complete set of units required for an award in the VCE subject, the result issued will be based on achievements in the parts of the examination taken, counting zero for each unit or part of a unit missed.

4. Results Pending

In a few cases, candidates' grades for a subject may be shown as a 'Q' followed by 'PENDING'. This means that Edexcel expected to have results for the candidate concerned but grades were not available at the time the results were issued. There are two common reasons for the presence of 'Q':

- (i) Edexcel has not received any documents or information to confirm that

the candidate did or did not sit the particular subject. Unless further information is received within two weeks of the despatch of the results, it will be assumed that these candidates were absent.

- (ii) There is a delay in the issue of results for a particular subject. If this is the case, a separate note is included with details of the subject(s) concerned and when it is expected that the results will be available.

In such cases, candidates have been advised to contact the examinations officer for details.

5. Candidates with two Candidate Numbers

There may be a few instances where candidates have been issued with their results under two different candidate numbers. This has usually occurred where different candidate numbers were used in error at the time of submitting late entries or amendments to the original entries.

If these candidates wish to have all their results recorded on a single certificate, and if you have not informed Edexcel already, you must return both certificates to Student Services.

6. Guest Candidates

Candidates who split their entries between their parent centre and a host centre (i.e. 'G'uest candidates) will receive their results under the two different centre/candidate numbers. The results for all these candidates will, where appropriate, be printed on a single certificate under the parent centre number.

B. INDIVIDUAL CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF RESULTS

1. General Notes

Each Individual Candidate Statement of Results is now laser printed as two separate A5 documents, separated by a perforation down the middle.

One copy of the Individual Candidate Statement of Results is for onward transmission to candidates and the second copy is for the centre's records. **This document is not a certificate and Edexcel reserves the right to make corrections to the information printed.**

Notes for the guidance of candidates are printed on the reverse side of the Statement of Results.

Unit results for VCE examinations will be printed on one Statement of Results. Subject results for candidates seeking VCE certification will be printed on a separate Statement of Results

When schools and colleges are transmitting results by means other than the

Individual Candidate Statement of Results, they are advised to point out to candidates that the results so communicated are not binding on Edexcel, and Edexcel reserves the right to make corrections.

C. UNIFORM MARK SCALES

1. General Notes

The results for individual GCE, VCE and Curriculum 2000 GNVQ units are reported to candidates using Uniform Mark Scales (UMS). Using this system, the raw marks achieved by the candidate for the unit are converted to a scale of marks that relates directly to grades. The scales are approved by the Regulatory Authorities and are used by all Awarding Bodies.

VCE units taken in January 2001 were reported on a scale of 0 to 24. This gave a potential maximum uniform mark for the 3-unit AS VCE qualification of 72, for the 6-unit Advanced VCE of 144, and for the 12-unit Advanced VCE Double Award of 288.

Following a review of the awards of the first GCE, VCE and GNVQ units assessed in January 2001, a change has been made to the Uniform Mark Scales (UMS) for the VCE and the GNVQ. They have been brought into line with those used for GCE Qualifications.

Outcomes of units for VCE and GNVQ will now be reported on a scale of 0 to 100. The change was made following discussions within the Awarding Bodies and with the Regulatory Authorities. It was made with the full support of the Regulatory Authorities. It is easier for centres, candidates and users to have information about their attainment in the new qualifications in a way that is consistent regardless of the qualification being followed. The use of the scale of 0 to 100 allows greater differentiation between the raw marks scored by the candidates when these are converted to uniform marks.

The UMS grade equivalencies for the unit results and the subject awards are set out below:

VCE Unit

(Maximum = 100)

Grade	UMS
A	80 – 100
B	70 – 79
C	60 – 69
D	50 – 59
E	40 – 49
U	0 - 39

AS Qualification

(Maximum = 300)

Grade	UMS
A	240 – 300
B	210 – 239
C	180 – 209
D	150 – 179
E	120 – 149
U	0 - 119

Advanced VCE Qualification

Advanced VCE Double Award

(Maximum = 600)

Grade	UMS
A	480 – 600
B	420 – 479
C	360 – 419
D	300 – 359
E	240 – 299
U	0 - 239

Qualification (Maximum = 1200)

Grade	UMS
AA	960 – 1200
AB	900 – 959
BB	840 – 899
BC	780 – 839
CC	720 – 779
CD	660 – 719
DD	600 – 659
DE	540 – 599
EE	480 – 539
U	0 - 479

A VCE certificate will be issued when a candidate has achieved Grade E or above. Results for individual units are not recorded on certificates.

2. The conversion of raw marks to Uniform Marks

The uniform marks shown for each unit do not necessarily represent the actual range used for marking that unit. Grade boundaries for units are set at Awarding meetings on the basis of candidate performance on the paper mark range used. These boundaries are then converted to the uniform marks shown in the tables below, with intermediate values calculated accordingly.

The following example, based on Business Unit B302T; The Competitive Business Environment, shows the minimum number of raw marks a candidate had to score to achieve each grade in the January 2001 examination.

Grade	A	B	C	D	E
Raw Mark	56	48	41	34	27
UMS	80	70	60	50	40

Thus the candidate who scored 56 marks out of 80 available was credited with 72 Uniform Marks. Each grade boundary was mapped across to the corresponding Uniform Mark and intermediate values calculated accordingly.