

## SCAAT and UCAS point scores for the 14 - 19 Diploma

This Policy Watch captures the School and College Achievement and Attainment Table (SCAAT) and UCAS Tariff points for the new 14 - 19 Diplomas. It also shows what they are equivalent to in terms of GCSEs and A levels. Equivalences are rough measures, based on a comparison with the point scores for GCSEs and A levels.

For the full official information about SCAAT points and UCAS Tariff points please see the [OCA](#) and the [UCAS](#) websites.

### Key

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The key explains the acronyms used.

SCAAT	school and college achievement and attainment table
EP	extended project
FS	functional skills
glh	guided learning hours
P	project
PL	principal learning
PLTS	personal, learning and thinking skills
WE	work experience

## SCAAT points and Diploma equivalences

### Level 1 Foundation Diploma

The Level 1 Foundation Diploma will total 600 glh and is equivalent to about 5 GCSEs. It is worth 153 SCAAT points (depending on the ASL taken).

Foundation Diploma SCAAT points exclude FS and PLTS because these are delivered and recognised in SCAAT points through the KS4 curriculum. This means that for the Foundation Diploma SCAAT points are derived from 420 of the total 600 glh for the course, since the FS and PLTS comprise 180 glh at this level. They have been included in this table for the purposes of completeness however.

The separate parts of the Diploma count in the SCAATs even if someone doesn't complete the full Diploma. No extra points will be awarded for completing the whole Diploma.

Component of the Diploma	glh	Grade	SCAAT points	Equivalent to
PL	240	A*	102	3.5 GCSEs at grade E
		A	84	3.5 GCSEs at grade E/F
		B	57	3.5 GCSEs at grade G
ASL	<i>Depends on the ASL taken by the learner, for example, 1 GCSE:</i>			
	120	D	34	1 GCSE at grade F/G
P	60	A*	17	0.5 GCSEs at grade D
		A	14	0.5 GCSEs at grade E
		B	9.5	0.5 GCSEs at grade F/G
<b>Total</b>	<b>420</b>		<b>Maximum 153<sup>††</sup></b>	<b>5 GCSEs at grade D/E</b>
FS (English, Maths & ICT)	135	Pass	37.5	1.5 GCSEs at Grade E/F
PLTS <sup>†</sup>				
WE <sup>†</sup>				

<sup>†</sup> Figures for PLTS and WE at level 1 have not been separately calculated, because they form an integral part of other qualifications at KS4 and can't easily be separated out.

<sup>††</sup> Depends on the ASL taken by the learner. 1 GCSE has been used in this example.

## SCAAT points and Diploma equivalences

### Level 2 Higher Diploma

The Level 2 Higher Diploma will total 800 glh and is equivalent to about 7 GCSEs. It is worth 435 SCAAT points (depending on the ASL taken).

Higher Diploma SCAAT points exclude FS and PLTS because these are delivered and recognised in SCAAT points through the KS4 curriculum. This means that for the Higher Diploma SCAAT points are derived from 660 of the total 800 glh for the course, since the FS and PLTS comprise 140 glh at this level. They have been included in this table for the purposes of completeness however.

The component qualifications of the Diploma count in the SCAATs even if someone doesn't complete the full Diploma. No extra points will be awarded for completing the whole Diploma.

Component of the Diploma	glh	Grade	SCAAT points	Equivalent to
PL	420	A*	290	4.5 GCSEs at grade A* <sup>†</sup>
		A	260	4.5 GCSEs at grade A
		B	230	4.5 GCSEs at grade B
		C	200	4.5 GCSEs at grade C
ASL	<i>Depends on the ASL taken by the learner, for example 2 GCSEs: <sup>††</sup></i>			
	180	A*	116	2 GCSEs at grade A*
P	60	A*	29	0.5 GCSEs at grade A*
		A	26	0.5 GCSEs at grade A
		B	23	0.5 GCSEs at grade B
		C	20	0.5 GCSEs at grade C
<b>Total</b>	<b>660</b>		<b>Maximum 435<sup>††</sup></b>	<b>7 GCSEs at grade A*<sup>†</sup></b>
FS (English, Maths & ICT)	135	Pass	69	1.5 GCSEs at Grade B
PLTS <sup>†††</sup>				
WE <sup>†††</sup>				

<sup>†</sup> The points attracted in these instances are slightly higher than the GCSE equivalent. 4.5 GCSEs at grade A\* attract 261 points. 7 GCSEs at grade A\* attract 406 points.

<sup>††</sup> Depends on the ASL taken by the learner. 2 GCSEs has been used in this example. One GCSE and one GCSE short-course would fulfil the glh requirement for ASL. If these qualifications are used points could only be drawn down for the equivalent of 1.5 GCSEs. If two GCSEs, or one 180 glh qualifications is used, for example, points can be drawn down for the equivalent of 2 GCSEs.

<sup>†††</sup> Figures for PLTS and WE at level 2 have not been separately calculated, because they form an integral part of other qualifications at KS4 and can't easily be separated out.

## SCAAT points and Diploma equivalences

### Level 3 Advanced Diploma

The Level 3 Advanced Diploma will total 1305 glh and is equivalent to about 3.5 GCE A levels. It is worth 1032 SCAAT points (depending on the ASL taken).

At Level 3, the curriculum does not include PLTS, FS or WE. Therefore the PLTS, FS and WE are included within the SCAAT point calculations. So, although the published 1080 glh for the Advanced Diploma is valid, the SCAAT points for the qualification are based on 1305 glh, taking into account FS and WE, which together comprise 225 glh.

SCAAT points will be allocated for the PL, ASL, EP and FS component qualifications of the Diploma even if someone doesn't complete the full Diploma. WE and PLTS cannot be taken outside the Diploma so don't have separately awarded points. Points for these two components can only be claimed as part of the whole Diploma. No extra points are awarded for completing the whole Diploma.

Component of the Diploma	glh	Grade	SCAAT points	Equivalent to
PL	540	A*	450	1.5 A levels at grade A <sup>†</sup>
		A	405	1.5 A levels at grade A
		B	360	1.5 A levels at grade B
		C	315	1.5 A levels at grade C
		D	270	1.5 A levels at grade D
		E	225	1.5 A levels at grade E
ASL	360	<i>Depends on the ASL taken by the learner, for example:</i>		
		-	300	1 A level at grade A <sup>††</sup>
EP	120	A*	90	0.3 A level at grade A <sup>††</sup>
		A	81	0.3 A level at grade A
		B	72	0.3 A level at grade B
		C	63	0.3 A level at grade C
		D	54	0.3 A level at grade D
		E	45	0.3 A level at grade E
PLTS	60	A*	60	0.2 A level at grade A <sup>††</sup>
		A	54	0.2 A level at grade A
		B	48	0.2 A level at grade A
		C	42	0.2 A level at grade A
		D	36	0.2 A level at grade A
		E	30	0.2 A level at grade A
FS (English, Maths & ICT)	135	Pass	69	0.3 A level at grade B
WE	90 <sup>††</sup>	Pass	63	0.2 A level at grade A
<b>Total</b>			<b>Maximum 1032<sup>†††</sup></b>	<b>3.5 A levels at grade A<sup>†</sup></b>

<sup>†</sup> Points attracted here are slightly higher than the A level equivalent. 1.5 A levels at grade A\* attract 405 points. 1 A level at grade A attracts 270 points, 0.3 A levels at grade A attracts 81 points. 0.2 A level at grade A attracts 54 points. 3.5 A levels at grade A attracts 945 points.

<sup>††</sup> Glh for work experience has been calculated on the basis of 10 eight hour working days and 10 hours for preparation, reporting and evaluation.

<sup>†††</sup> Depends on the ASL taken by the learner.

## SCAAT points and Diploma equivalences

### Level 3 Progression Diploma

The Level 3 Progression Diploma will total 945 glh and is equivalent to about 2.5 GCE A levels. Its maximum value is 732 SCAAT points. A Progression Diploma does not require the ASL component.

At Level 3, the curriculum does not include PLTS, FS or WE. Therefore the PLTS, FS and WE are included within the SCAAT point calculations. This means that although the published 720 glh for the Advanced Diploma is still valid, the SCAAT points for the qualification are based on 945 glh, taking into account FS and WE, which together comprise 225 glh.

SCAAT points will be allocated for the PL, EP and FS component qualifications of the Diploma even if someone doesn't complete the full Diploma. WE and PLTS cannot be taken outside the Diploma so don't have separately awarded points. Points for these two components can only be claimed as part of the whole Diploma. No extra points are awarded for completing the whole Diploma.

Component of the Diploma	glh	Grade	SCAAT points	Equivalent to
PL	540	A*	450	1.5 A levels at grade A <sup>†</sup>
		A	405	1.5 A levels at grade A
		B	360	1.5 A levels at grade B
		C	315	1.5 A levels at grade C
		D	270	1.5 A levels at grade D
		E	225	1.5 A levels at grade E
EP	120	A*	90	0.3 A level at grade A <sup>††</sup>
		A	81	0.3 A level at grade A
		B	72	0.3 A level at grade B
		C	63	0.3 A level at grade C
		D	54	0.3 A level at grade D
		E	45	0.3 A level at grade E
PLTS	60	A*	60	0.2 A level at grade A <sup>†</sup>
		A	54	0.2 A level at grade A
		B	48	0.2 A level at grade A
		C	42	0.2 A level at grade A
		D	36	0.2 A level at grade A
		E	30	0.2 A level at grade A
Functional Skills: English, Maths, ICT	135	Pass	69	0.3 A level at grade B
WE	90 <sup>††</sup>	Pass	63	0.2 A level at grade A
<b>Total</b>			<b>Maximum 732</b>	<b>2.5 A levels at grade A<sup>†</sup></b>

<sup>†</sup> The points attracted in these instances are slightly higher than the A level equivalent. 1.5 A levels at grade A\* attract 405 points. 0.3 A levels at grade A attracts 81 points. 0.2 A level at grade A attracts 54 points. 2.5 A levels at grade A attracts 675 points.

<sup>††</sup> Glh for work experience has been calculated on the basis of 10 eight hour working days and 10 hours for preparation, reporting and evaluation.

<sup>†††</sup> Depends on the ASL taken by the learner.

## UCAS points and Diploma equivalences

### Level 3 Advanced Diploma

The Level 3 Advanced Diploma will total 1305 glh and is equivalent to about 3.5 GCE A levels. Its maximum value is 420 UCAS tariff points. (This maximum value is dependent on the announcement about the value of the A\*.)

It has not been agreed as yet that stand alone PL and stand alone EP will be given a Tariff score. Their rough equivalence to A levels have been included in the table below for the sake of completeness however.

The 120 points for the WE, PLTS and FS components will always be wrapped up into the total points for the PL plus PLTs, FS and WE, i.e. there are no separate points for WE, PLTS and FS - points for these three components can only be claimed as part of the whole Diploma.

For the Tariff score for ASL see the appropriate qualification. ASL has a maximum Tariff score of 120.

No extra points will be awarded for completing the whole Diploma.

Component of the Diploma	glh	Grade	UCAS points	Equivalent to
PL plus PLTs, FS, WE and EP	945	A*	Not yet awarded	
		A	300	2.5 A levels at grade A
		B	250	2.5 A levels at grade B
		C	200	2.5 A levels at grade C
		D	150	2.5 A levels at grade D
		E	100	2.5 A levels at grade E
ASL	<i>Depends on the ASL taken by the learner, for example 1 A level:</i>			
	360	A	120	1 A level at grade A
<b>Total</b>			<b>Maximum 420</b>	<b>3.5 A levels at grade A</b>
			<b>Minimum 140</b>	<b>3.5 A levels at grade E</b>
PL	540	A*	<i>Not yet awarded</i>	
		A	180	1.5 A levels at grade A
		B	150	1.5 A levels at grade B
		C	120	1.5 A levels at grade C
		D	90	1.5 A levels at grade D
		E	60	1.5 A levels at grade E
EP	120	A*	<i>Not yet awarded</i>	
		A	60	0.5 A level at grade A
		B	50	0.5 A level at grade B
		C	40	0.5 A level at grade C
		D	30	0.5 A level at grade D
		E	20	0.5 A level at grade E
PLTS	60		<i>No UCAS points in their own right</i>	
FS (English, Maths & ICT)	135		<i>No UCAS points in their own right</i>	
WE	90		<i>No UCAS points in their own right</i>	

## UCAS points and Diploma equivalences

### Level 3 Progression Diploma

The Level 3 Progression Diploma will total 945 glh and is equivalent to about 2.5 GCE A levels. Its maximum value is 300 UCAS tariff points.

A Progression Diploma does not require the ASL component.

It has not been agreed as yet that stand alone PL and stand alone EP will be given a Tariff score. Their rough equivalence to A levels have been included in the table below for the sake of completeness however.

The 120 points for the WE, PLTS and FS components will always be wrapped up into the total points for the PL plus PLTs, FS and WE, i.e. there are no separate points for WE, PLTS and FS - points for these three components can only be claimed as part of the whole Diploma.

No extra points will be awarded for completing the whole Diploma.

Component of the Diploma	glh	Grade	UCAS points	Equivalent to
PL plus PLTs, FS, WE and EP	945	A*	Not yet awarded	
		A	300	2.5 A levels at grade A
		B	250	2.5 A levels at grade B
		C	200	2.5 A levels at grade C
		D	150	2.5 A levels at grade D
		E	100	2.5 A levels at grade E
<b>Total</b>			<b>Maximum 300</b>	<b>2.5 A levels at grade A</b>
			<b>Minimum 100</b>	<b>2.5 A levels at grade E</b>
<i>PL</i>	<i>540</i>	<i>A*</i>	<i>Not yet awarded</i>	
		<i>A</i>	<i>180</i>	<i>1.5 A levels at grade A</i>
		<i>B</i>	<i>150</i>	<i>1.5 A levels at grade B</i>
		<i>C</i>	<i>120</i>	<i>1.5 A levels at grade C</i>
		<i>D</i>	<i>90</i>	<i>1.5 A levels at grade D</i>
		<i>E</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>1.5 A levels at grade E</i>
<i>EP</i>	<i>120</i>	<i>A*</i>	<i>Not yet awarded</i>	
		<i>A</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>0.5 A level at grade A</i>
		<i>B</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>0.5 A level at grade B</i>
		<i>C</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>0.5 A level at grade C</i>
		<i>D</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>0.5 A level at grade D</i>
		<i>E</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>0.5 A level at grade E</i>
<i>PLTS</i>	<i>60</i>		<i>No UCAS points in their own right</i>	
<i>FS (English, Maths &amp; ICT)</i>	<i>135</i>		<i>No UCAS points in their own right</i>	
<i>WE</i>	<i>90</i>		<i>No UCAS points in their own right</i>	

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