

COVID-19 Summer 2020 awarding of centre estimated grades

VTCT's process for estimated grades for VTCT's Performance Table Qualifications follows the framework set by Ofqual for vocational and technical qualifications, after exams and assessments due to be taken in Summer 2020 were cancelled. The estimated grades process is designed to support learner progression to further education or employment.

Schools and colleges have submitted centre estimated grades and rank orders for individual assessment components, using the principles and trusted sources of evidence set out by VTCT.

VTCT has standardised and quality assured the centre estimated grades. VTCT's process takes into account any assessment components that learners have already achieved (banked).

The calculation of the overall qualification grade remains unchanged.

STEP 1:

Standardising and quality assuring centre estimated grades by qualification

To standardise centre estimated grades, we reviewed the overall qualification level data to assess what we would expect learners at your centre to achieve, which included:

- national historic achievement by qualification
- your centre's historic achievement by qualification

VTCT considered the estimated and historic grade profile for your centre for each qualification and compared it to the national estimated and historic grade profile.

STEP 2:

Standardising and quality assuring centre estimated grades by assessment component

To standardise centre estimated grades, we reviewed the assessment component level data to assess what we would expect learners at your centre to achieve, which included:

- national historic achievement by assessment component
- your centre's historic achievement by assessment component
- your centre's banked and estimated achievement by assessment component

VTCT considered the estimated and historic grade profile for your centre for each assessment component and compared it to the national estimated and historic grade profile.

STEP 3:

Confirmation of estimated grades

The final estimated grades for learners are issued by VTCT.

- Externally examined estimated assessment component grades are issued using the standard process through the e-testing system
- Internally assessed and externally verified estimated assessment component grades are confirmed by VTCT's External Quality Assurers (EQAs)

STEP 4:

Final grade

The overall qualification grade is the aggregation of the grades from each of the individual assessment components.

- Applied General Qualifications – grading overview is in the qualification specification document
- Technical Award Qualification – grading overview is in the qualification specification document
- Technical Level and Technical Certificate Qualifications – grading overview is in the qualification specification document and an online grade calculator tool has been published on VTCT's website <https://forms.vtct.org.uk/QualificationGradeCalculator/TLQ/index.php>

Supporting documents

VTCT has published addendums to our policies to support complaints and appeals about results that have been issued through the COVID-19 Summer 2020 awarding of centre estimated grades.

- [COVID-19 Appeals Policy and Procedures Addendum](#)
- [COVID-19 Malpractice Policy and Procedure Addendum](#)
- [COVID-19 Complaints Policy and Procedure Addendum](#)

Autumn assessment opportunities

VTCT has a 'Contingency Key Dates' document which sets out a programme of multiple, flexible assessment opportunities throughout the autumn. This programme will support learners who were not entered into the grade estimation process or those who wish to re-sit their examinations to improve their grade.

- [Contingency Key Dates document](#)

