

Access to Scripts, getting a script remarked and appeals to the exam boards.

The 4 examination boards (AQA, Pearson/Edexcel, WJEC and OCR) offer centres and candidates a broad range of similar post results services including:

Priority remarks (where a university place hangs in the balance);

Non-priority remarks (the candidate is disappointed with the result or the centre wishes to query it, but the outcome will not affect a university place);

Access to scripts so candidates and teachers can review in detail the candidate's performance in the exam and advise the candidate more closely about the strengths and weaknesses in their approach; and, finally

Appeals against final grading decisions

There are also services in relation coursework reviews and moderation processes, but these are rarely used in comparison to external examination related queries.

Each board differs slightly in their approach. Following a consultation conducted by JCQ last year and in respect of revised guidelines they issued in 2016, **Edexcel** (but so far only Edexcel) has made significant changes to the way student scripts can be accessed.

Edexcel

Most notably you do not now need to request a script as they are automatically available on results day - except in limited circumstances (such as the script was marked traditionally rather than on-line). However it is important to note that although teachers can access scripts they **MUST** obtain written consent directly from the candidate in question.

Note that this is a free service and that access of the script does not preclude then seeking a priority or standard remark of the script in question. Traditionally marked scripts cannot be accessed in this way and there is a ten day turnaround time in order to access these scripts.

OCR, WJEC and AQA do not yet offer access to scripts in this way and instead a request must be made.

Edexcel Other Services

Clerical Check

A check of all clerical procedures which lead to us issuing a result. This includes making sure:

- All parts of the exam paper have been marked
- Marks have been recorded/added up correctly
- Special consideration has been applied (where appropriate)
- The grade boundaries have been applied accurately

You might consider this service if the results for one candidate are unexpected compared to the rest of the cohort.

Candidates' marks or grades can go up, down or stay the same.

To get a copy of the reviewed exam paper, you should request an Access to Script (ATS) service at the same time as submitting the EAR request. There is a fee for this additional service.

The Fee is £11.10

A Non priority remark

A check that the examiners have marked externally assessed components correctly. This includes:

- The clerical check (EAR1) service
- A review of marking of units/components by a senior examiner

You can request Edexcel to review the marking of exam papers for individual candidates and the results for each candidate will be reported separately. This service isn't available for internally assessed/externally moderated coursework components.

Candidates' marks or grades can go up, down or stay the same.

To get a copy of the reviewed exam paper, you should request an Access to Script (ATS) service at the same time as submitting the EAR request. There is a fee of £35.90 for this additional service.

A priority remark

What is it?

This service is the same as the EAR2 service but is processed faster. It is generally used when a candidate's place in further/higher education depends on the outcome. It is available when the component is from one of the following qualifications:

- Edexcel GCSE
- Edexcel International GCSE
- Edexcel Certificate
- Edexcel AEA
- Edexcel AS and A level
- Edexcel Awards in mathematics (Level 3 only)

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Without script return: £41.25

With Script return: £52.35

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AQA

Fee: The fee for the June 2017 series is £13.95 per copy.
Only Exams Officers may make a request

To request a copy of a marked paper:

1. Log in to e-AQA and select 'Post-results services'
2. Select Access to scripts
3. Choose the 'priority photocopy' option on the submission screen.

Deadlines

You can make requests up to 24 August 2017 for May/June 2017 series results. Schools and colleges will receive copies by 7 September 2017 at the latest.

OCR Post Results Services

June 2017 post-results services deadlines

- ☒ 24 August: Priority enquiries about results
- ☒ 24 August: Requests for priority scripts for AS/A Level and Principal Learning
- ☒ 31 August: Requests for priority scripts for GCSE
- ☒ 21 September: Requests for enquiries about results (including Cambridge Technicals), missing and incomplete results and late certifications
- ☒ 28 September: Requests for non-priority scripts and Cambridge Technicals access to scripts

OCR Offers the following services

A clerical re-check to ensure all marks tally with the final score and that all parts of the response have been marked. This costs £16.40 and the deadline is 21/09/17.

Post results Mark review: ensures that the mark scheme has been applied correctly. This costs £45.60 and the deadline is 21/09/17.

Priority remark: The deadline for this is 24/8/2017 and the fee is £56.30

Priority access to script; Deadline is 24/8/2017 and the cost is £11.40. The same price applies to access to a script that has been the subject of a remark.

WJEC - Access to scripts

Requests must be received by 24th August and will be provided no later than 7th September. No Immediate on line access.

WJEC offers a range of post-results services relating to enquiries about results and access to examination scripts. Services include:

- ☒ Clerical re-check - a re-check of all clerical procedures leading to the issue of a result. This costs £10 and the deadline is 21st September 2017 and is provided within 10 days of making the application.
- ☒ Post-results review of marking including a clerical re-check - a review of the original marking to ensure that the agreed mark scheme has been applied correctly.

This costs £36 and must be made by 21st September 2017. Outcome can take up to 20 Days.

☒ Priority service 2 (Priority remark for AS and A2 only.) This costs £46, must be made by 24th August 2017 and the outcome is provided within 15 days.

☒ Access to scripts – a priority electronic version of the script or non-priority copy

☒ Post-results review of moderation of coursework. This is not available for individual candidates and the whole sample must be reassessed. This costs £32 per candidate, the application deadline is 21st September 2017 and the process takes up to 35 days.

Please note, these services are available via examination centres only, so if you have any concerns about your examination results, please discuss with your centre.