

# A guide to percentage uniform marks

## Additional results reporting for Cambridge learners

**The information in this factsheet is intended as a guide for schools in countries where percentage uniform marks appear on statements of results for Cambridge IGCSE®, Cambridge O Level and Cambridge International AS and A Level.**

Percentage uniform marks correspond to the grades available (A\*, A, B, C etc) and give students additional information about their performance. They show students whether they are in the middle of a grade, or near either the top or the bottom.

For example, a student who gets the minimum mark necessary for a Grade A\* obtains a percentage uniform mark of 90. A student who gets a mark halfway between the Grade D threshold and Grade C threshold achieves a percentage uniform mark of 55.

The table below shows the percentage uniform mark range for each grade:

Grade	Percentage uniform mark range
A*	90–100
A	80–89
B	70–79
C	60–69
D	50–59
E	40–49
F (Cambridge IGCSE only)	30–39
G (Cambridge IGCSE only)	20–29

The percentage uniform mark is stated at syllabus level only. The percentage uniform mark is not the same as the actual mark that the candidate gets on the question paper. This is because the percentage uniform mark depends on both the actual mark and the position of the grade thresholds (which may vary from one series to another and from one subject to another). The percentage uniform mark is also different from the actual mark because it is always calculated out of 100.

### The key messages for students are:

- the percentage uniform mark shows you whether you are in the middle of a grade, or near either the top or the bottom
- it does not affect the grade you receive, but gives you more information about it
- it will appear on your statement of results but not on your certificate.



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## Sample statement of results

The illustration below shows how percentage uniform marks are reported on the statement of results, where applicable. The percentage uniform mark will appear on statements of results only, not on certificates.

Statement of Results				
AICE HALF CREDIT, GCE ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY AND GCE ADVANCED LEVEL				
Candidate Name <b>A SPECIMEN</b>	Date of Birth XX/XX/XXXX	Centre / Cand. No. XXXXX / XXXX		
Centre Name CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL SAMPLE CENTRE	Session November XXXX	To be quoted on all correspondence		
GCE AS & A Level				
	Syllabus Title	Qualification	Result	Percentage Uniform Mark
	9701 Chemistry	Advanced Level	A*(a*)	93 %
	9702 Physics	Advanced Level	B(b)	71 %
	9709 Mathematics	Advanced Level	A*(a*)	92 %
Explanatory Notes				
<p>This statement of results is not a certificate. The University of Cambridge International Examinations reserves the right to amend the information given on this statement, which will be confirmed by the issue of certificates.</p> <p>The text Advanced Subsidiary or Advanced Level prefixing the grade awarded indicates the level that the grade was awarded for the syllabus.</p> <p>Advanced Subsidiary Level results are reported on a 5-point scale of grades: a(a), b(b), c(c), d(d) or e(e), grade a(a) being the highest and grade e(e) the lowest. The content and difficulty of an Advanced Subsidiary Level examination is equivalent to the first half of a corresponding Advanced Level course. Under some circumstances where a candidate is entered for Advanced Level but does not achieve a grade E(e) or above, the University of Cambridge International Examinations will award an Advanced Subsidiary Level grade a(a) to e(e) in the subject.</p> <p>Advanced Level results are reported on a 6-point scale of grades: A*(a*), A(a), B(b), C(c), D(d) or E(e), grade A*(a*) being the highest and grade E(e) the lowest.</p> <p>The assessment of a Language syllabus Speaking component is shown as 'With Distinction', 'Merit' or 'Pass' in Speaking. Candidates who are UNGRADED in the Speaking component will have no record of their Speaking performance printed on their statement of results.</p> <p>AICE Half-Credit results are reported on a 5-point scale of grades: A(a), B(b), C(c), D(d) or E(e), grade A(a) being the highest and grade E(e) the lowest.</p> <p>UNGRADED indicates a standard below that required for grade e(e) for Advanced Subsidiary Level, grade E(e) for Advanced Level and grade E(e) for AICE Half-Credit.</p> <p>NO RESULT indicates that a result cannot be issued because of absence for the whole or part of the examination in the syllabus or because of a decision not to issue a result for some other reason.</p> <p>PENDING indicates that a result cannot be issued at present but will follow in due course.</p> <p>The Percentage Uniform Mark provided for Advanced Subsidiary Level and Advanced Level supplements the grade for a syllabus. The Percentage Uniform Mark recorded is generated according to a common scale for all subjects to show relative performance. A Percentage Uniform Mark is not generated for a syllabus that is Ungraded, No Result or Pending, or for AICE Half-Credit results.</p> <p>Only subjects in which Advanced Subsidiary Level grades a(a) to e(e), Advanced Level grades A*(a*) to E(e) and AICE Half-Credit grades A(a) to E(e) are attained will be recorded on certificates.</p>				

## Frequently asked questions

Are percentage uniform marks the same as the Uniform Mark Scale (UMS) used by UK exam boards?

Our percentage uniform mark scale uses the same approach as UMS. However the UMS is not always shown as marks out of 100, whereas our percentage uniform marks are always out of 100.

Do percentage uniform marks appear on Cambridge certificates?

No. They are published on the statement of results to supplement the grade issued at syllabus level.

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