

Stakeholder Newsletter

Level 3 results 2026

Welcome to a results day special of Ofqual's newsletter

Congratulations to all students receiving results for AS and A Levels, T Levels and vocational and technical qualifications today. Thank you to all the teachers, exams officers, school and college leaders, and the many others across the education sector who have helped to deliver this year's exams and assessments.

Today's results at a glance

- Over 1.1 million results were issued for Level 3 qualifications in England this summer. This figure includes over 880,000 results for AS and A Levels, alongside more than 220,000 results for tech levels and applied generals, and nearly 20,000 results for T Levels.
- A Level outcomes are stable, with small changes only, largely driven by subject entry patterns.
- We have seen an increase in students taking T Levels as these qualifications, still relatively new, become more established and grow to cover more subject sector areas.
- The numbers of other vocational and technical qualifications taken have decreased slightly, and outcomes are similar to previous years.

Can I Just Qualify That? Listen live at 12:00

This year, for the first time, we are hosting a results day podcast. Join Michael Hanton, Deputy Chief Regulator, [on YouTube](#) at midday for a live episode of *Can I Just Qualify That?*, the Ofqual podcast. Michael will talk through the national picture and trends emerging from this year's results.

The episode will be available to catch up on later that afternoon. Watch on YouTube or [listen](#) wherever you get your podcasts.

Want to know more about how this year's grades were awarded? Listen to our recent [episode on grading](#), where we explain how exam papers are marked, how grade boundaries are set, and address some common misconceptions.

Results day publications

This morning, Ofqual has published the following:

- [Results blog](#): an overview of the national picture.
- [Statistical release](#): detailed national results data and analysis.
- [Interactive analytics](#): explore results by qualification, region and subject.

This year, we have updated our interactive analytics of A Level outcomes by county. You can now explore results in more detail, from regional level down to local authority districts through an interactive drill-down map. This allows you to gain a stronger understanding of performance in your own area, which is important as we head into greater devolution of power to local level.

Post-results services explained

Over 72,000 examiners play a role in marking more than 17 million scripts. The majority of these are teachers or ex-teachers; all are trained and many have years of experience as examiners. Exam boards have robust quality assurance processes in place to make sure marking is consistent and accurate. As a result, marking errors are rare. However, given the scale of the system, mistakes can still occasionally occur.

When an error is identified, it is important that it is corrected. After results are issued, schools and colleges can request clerical checks and reviews of marking or moderation to identify administrative or marking errors. Any identified mistakes will be corrected, which could result in a grade going up or down. Where the outcome could affect a student's place at university, schools and colleges can request a priority review of marking to ensure a quicker outcome – the deadline to apply for these is 20 August. UCAS asks universities to keep their offers open until 3 September to allow time for priority reviews to be completed.

These post-results services provide an important safeguard and help make sure students receive the result they have earned.

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