

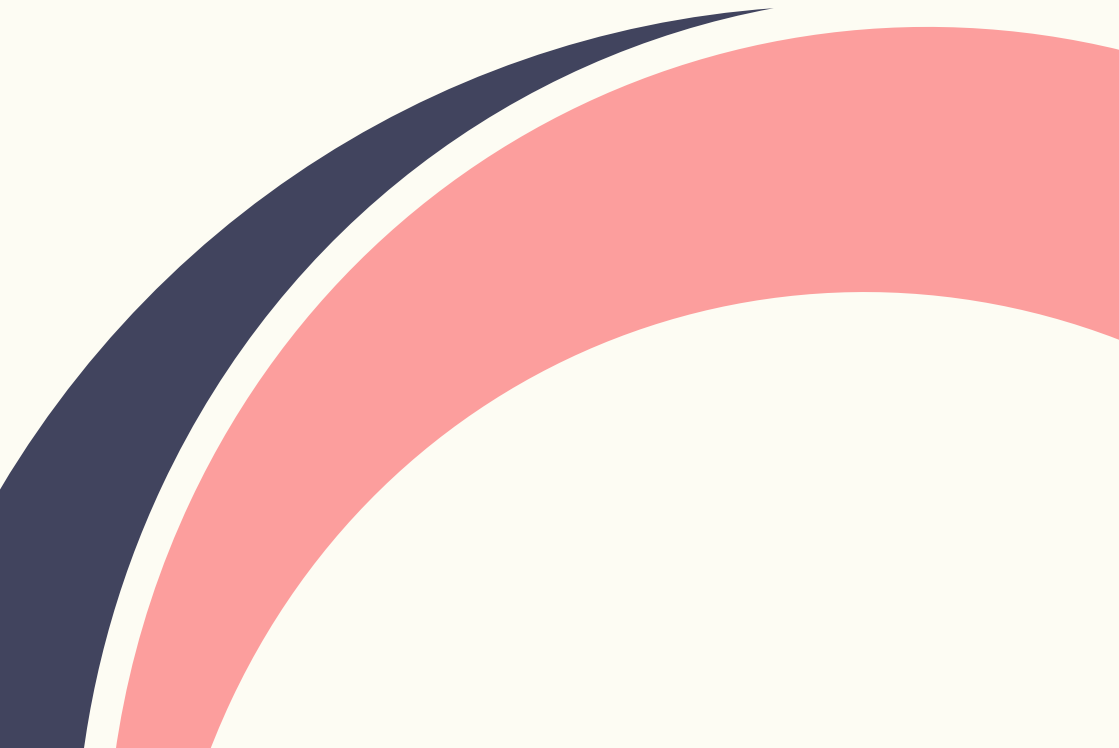
Your

Results

2026

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Overview



We understand that getting your results and deciding what to do next can feel overwhelming.

This is a guide for all learners getting results on 4 August 2026. It explains what you'll get with your Scottish Qualifications Certificate and where to find help with your next steps.

If you don't understand any of the information in this guide, speak to your school or college. You can also share it with your parent or carer.

If you need this information in Braille or other languages, email **customer@qualifications.gov.scot** or call **0345 279 1000**.

You can call the Skills Development Scotland (SDS) Results Helpline on 0808 100 8000 to speak to an adviser about your options and next steps. The helpline opens at 8 am on Tuesday 4 August and closes at 5 pm on Friday 7 August.

If you'd prefer to speak to someone in person, you can meet with an **SDS careers adviser** in your area.



To speak to an SDS adviser before results day, or after their Results Helpline closes, you can call them on 0800 917 8000. This line is open Monday to Friday, 9 am to 5 pm.

There's also lots of helpful information and advice on results at **myworldofwork.co.uk**.



**My
World of
Work**



Results Helpline

**Whatever your results, you have options
and our careers advisers can help**

Talk to us about college and university,
apprenticeships, training, volunteering, getting
into work, and more.

Call 0808 100 8000

Tue 4 and Wed 5 Aug: 8am to 8pm

Thur 6 and Fri 7 Aug: 9am to 5pm



myworldofwork.co.uk

Your Scottish Qualifications Certificate

Your results envelope will contain a letter from the Chief Examining Officer and your results certificate.

Your certificate shows:

- all of your qualifications to date;
- your grades;
- when you achieved each qualification; and
- the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF) level of each qualification.

For more information about your certificate, **visit our website**.



Top questions on results day



Who do I contact if I have any questions about my results?

Talk to your school, college or training provider if you have questions about your results. If you're concerned about your grades, you can use our free appeals service. Find out more on page 9.



Why haven't I got my results by text or email?

We send texts and emails from 8am on results day. Check your spam or junk folder if you haven't received your email. If you're abroad, you'll only get your results by text if your phone is set up to work outside the UK and you have enough credit.



Some results are missing from my certificate. What should I do?

Speak to your school, college or training provider. They'll look into this for you.



How are exams and coursework marked?

Around 7,700 experienced teachers and lecturers mark the exams and coursework. They use their knowledge of course requirements and national standards to work out your final mark.

We carry out many checks across all courses and levels to make sure the marking is accurate and consistent. This is known as 'quality assurance'.



Can I see my marked exam papers?

Sorry, no. We don't currently offer this service.



How many marks do I need for each grade?

The minimum marks needed for each grade (A to D) aren't fixed.

If an exam was easier or harder than planned, we adjust the minimum marks needed to make sure grades are fair from year to year. We call this 'setting grade boundaries'.

If you have a question that isn't covered in this guide, check the **frequently asked questions** on our website.

Appeals

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You can appeal if you're concerned about a National 5, Higher or Advanced Higher grade and you think there may have been a mistake in the marking.

If you appeal, a senior marker will review your answers in your Qualifications Scotland-marked assessments. This includes question papers and assignments. They'll check that:

- the marks have been given in line with the marking standards;
- all parts of your assessments have been marked;
- the marks have been added up correctly; and
- the correct result has been entered on our system.

After the review, your grade could stay the same, go up or go down.



Things to think about before you appeal

- ✓ Is your grade in line with your estimated grade?
- ✓ Have you talked to your teacher, lecturer or course leader about your grade?
- ✓ Is your grade unexpected?



You won't be able to appeal your grade if:

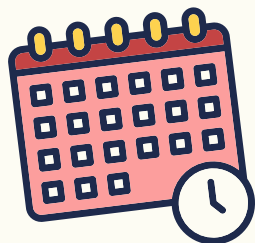
- ✗ your course award has been cancelled due to malpractice (rule breaking);
- ✗ your grade was awarded through the Examination Exceptional Circumstances Consideration Service*; or
- ✗ you received a grade A.

*Visit **our website** to check the rules on appealing the outcome of your exceptional circumstances request.

Can I ask for a priority appeal?

We can prioritise your appeal if you have a conditional offer for university, college or training this year, or a job offer that depends on your grade.

Your school, college or training provider must approve a priority appeal. Tell them if you have a conditional offer that depends on your grade. You'll need to provide the name of the educational institution or employer for the appeal to be treated as a priority.



How do I appeal?

You can appeal by using the learner direct appeals service on our website, or by asking your school, college or training provider to submit an appeal for you.

You'll need to provide your:

- name;
- email address;
- date of birth; and
- Scottish Candidate Number (shown on your certificate).

You need to register for the learner direct appeals service separately from My Qualifications Scotland. If you prefer, you can ask your parent or carer to do this for you.

Parents and carers



If you're appealing for your child, please remember that:

- you must get their permission first;
- you'll need to use a different email address for each child;
- you should make sure your child understands their grade can stay the same, go up or go down; and
- your child cannot appeal separately if you do it for them.

Appeals service timeline



Tuesday 4 August – results day.
The appeals service opens at 9 am.



Tuesday 11 August – this is the last day you, or your parent or carer, can ask for a priority appeal.



Thursday 20 August – the last day your school, college or training provider can ask for a priority appeal for you.



Tuesday 25 August – the last day you, or your parent or carer, can appeal.



Friday 28 August – the last day your school, college or training provider can appeal for you.



Monday 31 August – this is the day we send priority appeal decisions to schools, colleges and training providers. They'll then let you know your result. If you applied for a place on a course through Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS), we'll also send your result to them. UCAS will then tell the relevant university or college. If you need to share your result with another organisation (such as an employer), it's up to you or your school, college or training provider to do this.



October 2026 – the month we send decisions on all other appeals. We may need to send decisions later than this, depending on how many appeals we receive. We'll tell your school, college or training provider if this applies.

If your grade changes, you'll get a new certificate in November. Your grade on My Qualifications Scotland will be updated after that.

Appeals decisions are final and you cannot appeal your grade again.

Read our [appeals webpage](#) for more information.

Next

steps

Thinking about Higher National Qualifications?

Higher National Certificates (HNCs) and Higher National Diplomas (HNDs) are developed in partnership with colleges, universities and industry.

There are HNC and HND courses in a huge range of subjects, from Accounting to Video Production. These courses help you to develop the practical skills and knowledge you need to do a job.

Visit **our website** for more information.

UCAS Clearing

If you don't have a university or college offer, you can apply through UCAS Clearing for courses with available places.

For more information, visit:

✓ **UCAS**

✓ **Undergraduate Clearing**



Support websites

For more help with your next steps and options, you can visit **our website** or any of the following websites.

- ✓ e-sgoil.com
- ✓ mindyertime.scot
- ✓ myworldofwork.co.uk
- ✓ myworldofwork/schoolleaverstoolkit
- ✓ ucas.com
- ✓ whocaresscotland.org.uk
- ✓ young.scot



We're asking learners to take part in surveys and other research. Signing up gives you the opportunity to have your say on a range of issues. If you're interested, visit **our website**.

GOING TO COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY?

I applied for my tuition fees, loan and bursary at www.saas.gov.uk

FUNDING?

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