



Component Marks for National 5, Higher, and Advanced Higher in 2023

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Purpose

Component Marks for National 5, Higher, and Advanced Higher in 2023 presents a summary of mean marks, maximum achieved mark and number achieving the mark for each component of graded National Qualifications. The data enables comparison to the national average.

Status

These data are classified as *information*.

Geography and time period covered

This publication presents component marks information for graded National Qualifications in Scotland in the 2022 to 2023 academic year.

Description

National courses are made up of one to four components. This release provides component names, maximum marks, mean marks, maximum achieved mark and number of candidates achieving the mark for National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher courses.

During the global pandemic, SQA, in common with education systems around the world, had to use different approaches to assessment and certification. Examinations did not take place in 2020 and 2021 and component marks were not collected.

In 2022, Scotland returned to formal national exams, supported by a package of measures (course modifications and revision support, as well as wider support from across the education system at a national, regional, local and centre level). These measures were designed to address the ongoing disruption to learning and teaching that young people experienced, while maintaining standards.

In 2023, awarding for graded National Courses operated using the established procedure as far as possible in order to evaluate the performance of the course assessment, but with consideration given to the following factors:

- ◆ The impact of the reducing legacy of disruption to teaching and learning caused by the COVID-19 pandemic
- ◆ The impact of modifications to course assessment
- ◆ The impact of removing revision support

Awarding decisions were therefore 'sensitive' to these factors, ensuring that grade boundary decisions recognised that performance continues to be impacted. This was informed by the full range of qualitative and quantitative data used during awarding, with additional data from 2021-22 on the impact of modifications.

Source of data

National Qualification performance data are collected at a point when results are reasonably complete, in this case, 26 July 2023. The data are collected at around the same time each year to aid year-on-year comparisons.

Methodology

Only candidates that completed all components were included in these data and all marks used are marks after any scaling.

Revisions and corrections

Once published these statistics are not usually subject to revisions. [Further information about revisions and corrections is available in our policy document.](#)

Related publications

For any related publications for qualifications offered in Wales, Northern Ireland and England please contact the respective awarding bodies [AQA](#), [Pearson](#), [OCR](#), [WJEC](#) and [CCEA](#).

Useful links

- ◆ [data tables accompanying this release](#)
- ◆ [attainment statistics 2023](#)
- ◆ [grade boundaries 2023](#)
- ◆ [assessment arrangements 2023](#)
- ◆ [equalities monitoring report 2023](#)

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