



Frequently Asked Questions — Learners

Higher National Graded Units

Q: How will my grade for my graded unit(s) be determined?

A: Experienced assessors and course teams will review all relevant assessment evidence from key units to assess whether you have met the principal aims of the graded unit. The assessors will award you a grade using this evidence and their knowledge of your engagement and progress in relation to the aims, units and assessment criteria.

Q: I am on track with my course but was hoping to have the opportunity to excel in the graded unit. As we are not doing the graded unit this year how can I make sure my knowledge and skills are fully recognised?

A: Your lecturers/assessors will advise you on how you will be graded throughout the remainder of the session where grading is likely to be continuous throughout the course rather than all at the end. The final grading decision will be made towards the end of the academic session.

Q: What if I don't get the grade I expected?

A: You will be able to submit an appeal if you feel that the assessment outcome reached does not accurately reflect your achievement. You'll need to follow your centre's academic appeals process.

Q: Will universities recognise my grades?

A: Yes. Your result and grade will be the outcome of a rigorous evidence-based assessment process. This will be a valid result that reflects your achievement throughout your course.

Q: Can I progress within my college or centre with an incomplete result?

A: This will depend on your individual progress. Staff at your centre can discuss the available options with you.