

Cambridge IGCSE™ guide for universities

Cambridge IGCSE subjects are recognised by leading universities, further education institutions and employers around the world as evidence of academic achievement and as an 'international passport' to progression and success.

What is Cambridge IGCSE?

Cambridge IGCSEs are subject-based qualifications, usually taken over a two-year period. Assessment takes place at the end of the course. Schools worldwide have been involved in the development of Cambridge IGCSE. The syllabuses are international in outlook, but retain a local relevance. They have been created specifically for international students avoiding cultural bias.

The contexts or examples used in syllabuses and exam question papers are culturally sensitive in an international context. Developed over 25 years ago, these qualifications are administered by Cambridge Assessment International Education, part of the University of Cambridge.

In March 2016, UK NARIC completed an independent and objective benchmarking analysis of Cambridge IGCSE to the UK education system. UK NARIC finds the Cambridge IGCSE (A*–G and 9–1) comparable to GCSE standards.

Flexible subject choices

Cambridge IGCSE offers a flexible curriculum, with a choice of over 70 subjects in any combination. There are no compulsory subjects and students are free to study a range of subjects. Giving students the power to choose helps to motivate them throughout their studies.

Who takes Cambridge IGCSE?

Cambridge IGCSE is the world's most popular international qualification for 14 to 16 year olds. It is taken in over 145 countries and taught by over 5500 schools worldwide. Over 800 000 exam entries were made by schools around the world in 2016/2017. Cambridge IGCSEs are taken in years 10 and 11 of the secondary school curriculum in the UK.

Cambridge IGCSE Curriculum Areas

Languages	Mathematics	Science
Humanities and Social Sciences		English Language and Literature
The Arts		Creative and Professional

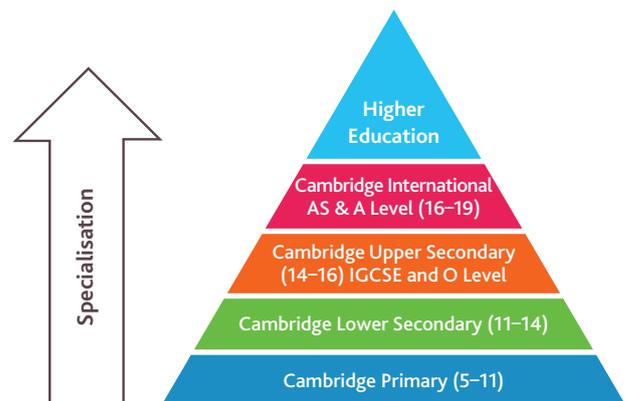
Why choose Cambridge IGCSE?

Cambridge IGCSE provides the ideal preparation for any upper secondary education or advanced study placement and helps improve performance by developing skills in creative thinking, enquiry and problem solving.

Develop unique skills

Cambridge IGCSE develops student knowledge, understanding and skills in:

- Subject content
- Applying knowledge and understanding to new as well as unfamiliar situations
- Intellectual enquiry
- Flexibility and responsiveness to change
- Working and communicating in English
- Influencing outcomes
- Cultural awareness.



Cambridge ICE (International Certificate of Education)

Cambridge ICE is a group award for Cambridge IGCSE. It allows schools to offer a broad and balanced curriculum by recognising the achievements of students who pass examinations in at least seven Cambridge IGCSE subjects from five different curriculum areas, including two different languages.

Grading and assessment

The Cambridge IGCSE is reported worldwide on a grade scale from A* (highest) to G (minimum required performance).

Assessment takes place at the end of the course and provides different options that best suit students, including written and oral examinations, coursework and practical assessment. This broadens opportunities for students to demonstrate their learning, particularly when their first language is not English.

The new 9-1 Grading Structure

In response to customer demand, we now offer selected Cambridge IGCSEs with 9-1 grading from June 2018 to schools in the UK and from June 2019 to schools in our administrative zone 3. This includes Europe, Africa and parts of the Middle East. Schools in administrative zone 3 (and the UK) can choose either the A*-G or 9-1 grading option for these subjects without the need to switch syllabuses. The syllabus content and assessment is identical, regardless of which grading option the school chooses. More information can be found at www.cambridgeinternational.org/grading-choice

UK universities have reassured us that they will continue to welcome applications with A*-G for Cambridge IGCSE.

Cambridge IGCSE grading structure	
A*	9
A	8
	7
B	6
C	5
	4
D	3
E	2
F	1
G	1
U	U

Anchor point

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There are three anchor points where standards are benchmarked between the two systems.

Statement of Results

Syllabus grades for all examination types are reported on the Statement of Results as an upper case letter followed by the corresponding lower case letter in brackets, e.g. B(b). This format is used as a security feature to prevent grades being altered by hand.

The Cambridge ICE group award result will be reported on Cambridge IGCSE Statements of Results for students who satisfy the ICE award rules. The ICE group award is reported on a three point scale: Distinction, Merit and Pass.

Statement of Results

INTERNATIONAL GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION
GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION ORDINARY LEVEL

Candidate Name: A SAMPLE
Date of Birth: XX/XX/XXXX
Centre Name: A SAMPLE CENTRE
Series: June 2018
Centre/ Cand. No.: XXXXX/XXXXX
To be quoted on all correspondence

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Syllabus	Syllabus Title	Result
0470	History	B(b)
0466	Literature (English)	C(c)
0580	Mathematics	A*(a)

Explanatory Notes

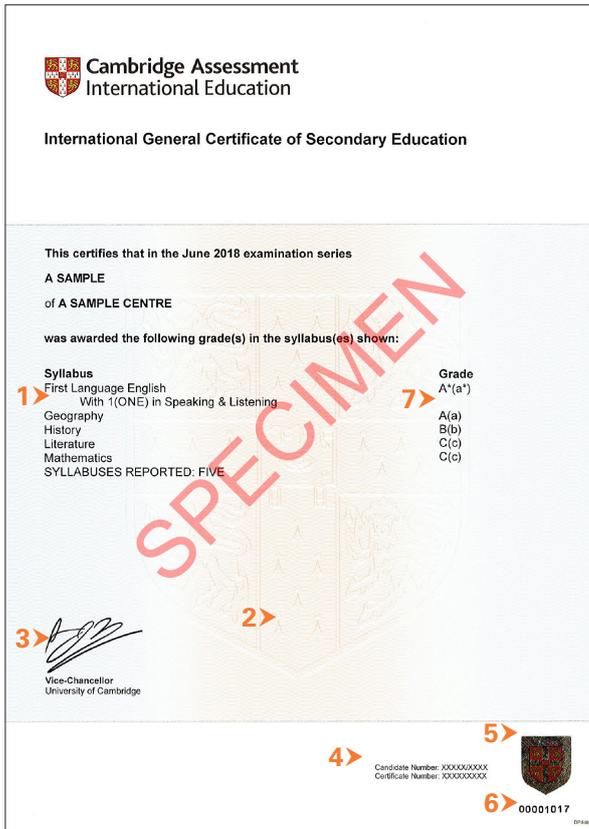
Cambridge Assessment International Education

Ofqual Regulated Cambridge IGCSE Syllabuses (Cambridge International Level 1/Level 2 Certificates)

We have over 20 Cambridge IGCSE syllabuses which are regulated by Ofqual, the regulatory body in England. The regulatory title for all Cambridge IGCSEs, including for syllabuses with the 9-1 grading scale, is Cambridge International Level 1/Level 2 Certificates. There is no difference in standard between Cambridge IGCSE and Cambridge International Level 1/Level 2 Certificates.

After careful consideration, we have concluded that our regulated Cambridge IGCSEs no longer need to be recognised by UK exam regulators; therefore, all Cambridge International Level 1/Level 2 Certificates will be deregulated in the UK by the end of 2019. More information can be found at www.cambridgeinternational.org/uk-state-schools

Sample certificates



Cambridge International Level 1/Level 2 Certificate and the Cambridge IGCSE certificates (A*–G and 9–1) are evidence of official results from Cambridge. Other hidden security features are also present on official Cambridge documentation.

Key	
1	Syllabuses taken
2	Watermark
3	Signature of VC of University of Cambridge
4	Centre Number/Candidate Number
5	Hologram
6	Serial Number
7	Upper and lower case reporting of grades achieved



CIE Direct

Cambridge can provide universities with access to our secure website, CIE Direct, so they can view and verify students' results online. This is a free service offered by Cambridge.

CIE Direct allows users to search for results individually, using the 'on screen search' function or by uploading a template of data, via the 'multiple candidate search' function. The template can be populated offline and uploaded at your convenience.

Visit www.cambridgeinternational.org/ciedirect-userguide for further information about how to access Cambridge results, together with frequently asked questions. To apply for access, complete the form at the end of the user guide and return it to recognitions@cambridgeinternational.org

Centre Number	Candidate Number	Date of Birth	Series
AB123	1234	22 Nov 1992	January 2005
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“ UK NARIC finds the Cambridge IGCSE to be a rigorous and robust international lower secondary-level qualification, underpinned by sufficient quality assurance policies and procedures in place to maintain standards ”

UK NARIC benchmarking report 2016

University Recognition

Many universities worldwide require a combination of Cambridge International A Levels and Cambridge IGCSEs to meet their entry requirements. For example, leading US and Canadian universities require Cambridge International AS & A Levels, but some US and Canadian colleges and universities will accept students with five Cambridge IGCSEs at grade C or above. In the UK, Cambridge IGCSE is accepted as equivalent to GCSE. Many UK universities look at Cambridge IGCSE grades, as well as predicted grades for Cambridge International A Level, when making admissions decisions.

The recognition database

The recognition database is an online directory of worldwide institutions that have given formal written acceptance of Cambridge qualifications. It is regularly updated with new recognition statements allowing Cambridge students to see where their Cambridge qualifications are accepted. The database is not an exhaustive list; there are many organisations not listed which do accept Cambridge qualifications.

Visit www.cambridgeinternational.org/recognitionsearch for more information.

Recognition search

Welcome to the recognition search page.

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If you would like to see information about your organisation included in our recognition search results, please [register your recognition details](#).

Please enter your search criteria below.

Country: Please select...

Organisation name: [input field]

Organisation type:

- Select all organisation types
- Universities and colleges
- Government/ ministries
- Professional associations
- Companies

Search criteria:

- Cambridge IGCSE and O Level +
- Cambridge International AS & A Level and Cambridge AICE +
- Cambridge Pre-U +
- Cambridge Global Perspectives +
- Cambridge Professional Development Qualifications (Cambridge PDQs) +
- Withdrawn qualifications +

Search

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