



Guide for universities on our approach to the June 2022 exam series

It is our intention that all schools take exams where it is safe and permitted to do so. We believe that exams are the fairest and most accurate way of assessing candidates' performance. We have a package of measures to support schools as they prepare for exams.

Given the uncertainty that still surrounds the pandemic, in countries and regions of countries where exams cannot take place, we will ask schools to submit a portfolio of three substantial pieces of evidence for each student. This will be marked by Cambridge International examiners. The portfolio of evidence replaces the school-assessed grade approach that we used in previous examination sessions.

What is the portfolio of evidence?

The portfolio of evidence is a contingency approach for June 2022 for situations where directives from national or local authorities mean exams cannot take place. Cambridge International will decide whether it is possible to move centres to the portfolio of evidence route, taking into account the evidence available from national and local authorities.

Centres select a portfolio of evidence for each candidate in each syllabus, made up of three substantial pieces of evidence completed at any time during the course of study. These three substantial pieces of work in the portfolio must be within the content and the assessment objectives of the relevant syllabus.

- Centres will not be required to mark or grade the portfolio of evidence
- Centres submit the portfolio digitally to us through our online Submit for Assessment portal
- Cambridge International examiners mark the work submitted by the centre
- Cambridge International uses the examiners' marks to calculate a final grade for each candidate for each syllabus they are entered for.



Results release dates

Results for Cambridge International AS & A Level and the Cambridge AICE Diploma will be released to schools on 11 August 2022. Results for Cambridge Pre U will be released on 17 August. Results for Cambridge IGCSE, Cambridge O Level and Cambridge ICE will be released on 18 August.

Please note: Universities can apply to have access to our online verification portal, Cambridge International Direct, where you can view and verify students' results. This is a free service and you can find more details on our website at: www.cambridgeinternational.org/exam-administration/results/verification-of-students-results

Appeals

We will make sure every centre has the right to appeal the grades it has been awarded, as part of providing a fair and equitable system.

Standards

With the portfolio of evidence approach we can set our own standard. We will align the standard of our qualifications to the standard of similar qualifications in England. Ofqual, the regulator for exams used by schools in England, has announced its approach for 2022. We can confirm that our approach for Cambridge International qualifications is very similar: we will aim for our exam standard to return to the pre-pandemic standard in June 2023. For June 2022, we will set standards at a midpoint between 2019 and 2021. By following the Ofqual approach students taking Cambridge qualifications will not be systematically advantaged or disadvantaged.

Information on Cambridge IGCSE English

Due to the pandemic, we were not able to assess endorsed speaking components for Cambridge IGCSE English exams in 2020 and 2021 where exams could not go ahead. With the portfolio of evidence approach, it is possible for Cambridge International to assess all four components and provide grades for separate endorsements.

For **Cambridge IGCSE and Cambridge IGCSE (9–1) First Language English (0500, 0524, 0990)** the Speaking and Listening component (where the Speaking and Listening grade is reported separately) is available in the portfolio of evidence route.

For **Cambridge IGCSE and Cambridge IGCSE (9–1) English as a Second Language (0510, 0993)** the Speaking component of endorsed syllabuses (where the Speaking grade is reported separately) is available in the portfolio of evidence route.

For **Cambridge IGCSE and Cambridge IGCSE (9–1) English as a Second Language (0511,0991)** Count-in Speaking, the three pieces of evidence submitted must include evidence of Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking.



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