
Entry fees and other charges January and March 2021

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Guidance on our fees and when they apply.

Fees quoted are accurate at time of publication. AQA reserves the right to amend fees at any time and will notify changes in any subsequent versions.

We are an education charity

Providing high quality assessments that are fair, reliable, and support students in their educational journey

Everyone has the potential to achieve, so we make sure that our qualifications give all students the opportunity to show what they can do and progress to the next stage of their lives. Our qualifications are designed for students of all abilities and are highly valued by employers and universities and taught in more than 40 countries around the world.

We are the biggest exam board in England, and we set and mark over half of all GCSEs and A-levels taken in the UK every year. We work with around 27,000 teachers, lecturers, subject experts and academics who help set and mark our exams.

Born out of five leading universities, we have over a century of qualifications expertise. These public exam boards came into existence to provide an opportunity for young people from a range of backgrounds to access education and make the most of their potential. This commitment to social mobility remains at the heart of AQA's charitable purpose, which is to advance education by enabling teachers and students to realise their potential.

As an independent charity, any income we make gets invested back into qualifications and assessment. This enables us to offer a broad range of qualifications and to protect the integrity and security of our assessments. It also funds other educational services, such as assessment research that benefits teachers and students.

2021 exam fees

We provide market-leading specifications and first class support services that are excellent value for money. All our fees include a comprehensive support and training package for teachers. Our overall aim is to keep our prices competitive, while taking account of the changes to the exam system and regulation which are leading to increased costs.

Because of the events of this year, we're a little bit later than usual publishing our fees. You'll find the fees for our January 2021 and March 2021 series below. For our summer 2021 fees we're still we're waiting for some clarity on the arrangements for these exams, and we'll publish our fees as soon as possible after we've had this.

As a result, for the January and March series we've applied a flat fee increase across most of our qualifications. This means fees for some subjects are still higher than others, eg for subjects with comparatively low entry levels or higher delivery costs. This approach helps us to offer schools and colleges as wide a choice of subjects as possible. It also secures the future of our qualifications by enabling us to invest in processes to improve how we produce question papers and enhance the security and integrity of the system.

Supporting good teaching and learning

We enable great teaching and learning by investing in our qualifications and a wide range of resources, support and services through the AQA family – Exampro and Testbase.

Exampro and Testbase question banks have been used in primary and secondary schools throughout the country for more than 20 years. Exampro provides teachers with easy access to AQA past questions and ready-made resources for use in school-based assessment. MERiT enables schools to make the best use of AQA mock exams with useful comparative performance data and reports.

To find out more about what we do, visit our website at [aqa.org.uk/about-us](https://www.aqa.org.uk/about-us)

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Entry details

Dates and explanation of charges

Basedata

Basedata is specification, fees and timetable information in the inter-board common format. It is designed to be imported into school or college administration software. Please see aqa.org.uk/basedata

Entry deadline

The final date for entries to be received by us before additional charges are applied.

Entry fee

The fee is charged in full for each entry.

Late entry fee

Charged for each entry for a **new** student received after the entries deadline for each exam series. This fee is 100 % of the original entry fee and is in addition to the entry fee.

Very late entry fee

Charged for each very late entry for a **new** student received from the date specified for each exam series (see table of key dates on page 5). This fee is 150 % of the original entry fee and in addition to the entry fee.

Amendment fee

Charged for each amendment to entries for an **existing** student made from the date specified for each exam series (see table of key dates on page 5). This fee is 100 % of the original entry fee and is in addition to the entry fee for any new entry.

Withdrawn students

Entry fees will be refunded for each entry withdrawn by schools/colleges before the date specified for each exam series (see table of key dates on page 5). **Late, very late and amendment fees are not refunded.** No refunds are made for those withdrawn after these dates (except on medical grounds, where partial refunds will be considered) or where students are simply absent from the exam. Any request for a partial refund of fees must be accompanied by satisfactory supporting medical evidence. Fees paid cannot be carried forward from one exam or series to another.

Late awards (aggregations)

Subject award entries will be accepted without additional fees during the four week period immediately following the publication of results until the closing date for review of results (previously known as enquiries about results).

Retrospective or very late awards

After the closing date for review of results (four weeks after the results are published) requests for an award (aggregation) in that series or any previous series will incur an additional fee of £48.00 per student per subject award to be aggregated.

Table of key dates

Below is a table of key dates for exam series and the dates on which fees will be applied and charged.

Series	Basedata available	Entry deadline	Late entry fee applies from	Very late entry fee applies after	Amendment fee applies after	Withdrawn entries will not be refunded after
January	1A21	4 September 2020	21 October 2020	22 October 2020	15 December 2020	15 December 2020
March	3G21	9 October 2020	21 January 2021	22 January 2021	21 February 2021	21 February 2021

NB: key dates for the June exam series will be provided separately.

Transferred students

Where a student takes an exam at a 'host' school/college, ie not the school/college at which he/she is entered, a transferred student fee is charged for all components per student.

Transferred student group request fees only apply if all students in the group are being transferred to the same 'host' school/college.

The table below shows the deadlines for transferred students.

Please note: **late requests will be charged at 100 % in addition to the regular fee** as stated on page 4.

Series		On time request deadline	Late requests charged from
January	1A21	1 December 2020 (provisional)	2 December 2020 (provisional)
March	3G21	7 February 2021	8 February 2021

[Link to fees section](#)

January 2021

Specification	Course	Entry codes	Total qualification cost
Step up to English	Entry Level – Silver Step	5972	£36.25
Step up to English	Entry Level – Gold Step	5973	£36.25
Mathematics	Entry Level	5930	£36.25

Specification	Course	Entry code	Fee per unit
Foundation Project	Level 1	7991	£37.75
Higher Project	Level 2	7992	£37.75

Specification	Unit	Entry codes	Fee per unit	Total qualification cost
Functional English Level 1	1 – Reading	8720R	£10.05	£30.20
	2 – Writing	8720W	£10.05	
	3 – Speaking	8720S	£10.10	
	Award	8721	£0.00	
Functional English Level 2	1 – Reading	8725R	£10.05	£30.20
	2 – Writing	8725W	£10.05	
	3 – Speaking	8725S	£10.10	
	Award	8726	£0.00	
Functional Mathematics Level 1		8361	£30.20	£30.20
Functional Mathematics Level 2		8362	£30.20	£30.20

Specification	Unit	Entry codes	Fee per unit	Total qualification cost
Applied Business Level 3 Certificate	1	ABS1	£31.15	£93.45
	2	ABS2	£31.15	
	3	ABS3	£31.15	
	Award	1831 (ABS1 + ABS2 + ABS3)	£0.00	
Applied Business Level 3 Extended Certificate	1	ABS1	£31.15	£186.90
	2	ABS2	£31.15	
	3	ABS3	£31.15	
	4	ABS4	£31.15	
	5	ABS5	£31.15	
	6	ABS6	£31.15	
	7	ABS7	£31.15	
	8	ABS8	£31.15	
	Award	1832 (ABS1 + ABS2 + ABS3 + ABS4 + ABS5 + ABS6 or ABS7 or ABS8)	£0.00	
Applied Science Level 3 Certificate	1	ASC1	£31.15	£93.45
	2	ASC2	£31.15	
	3	ASC3	£31.15	
	Award	1776 (ASC1 + ASC2 + ASC3)	£0.00	

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Applied Science Level 3 Extended Certificate	1	ASC1	£31.15	£186.90
	2	ASC2	£31.15	
	3	ASC3	£31.15	
	4	ASC4	£31.15	
	5	ASC5	£31.15	
	6	ASC6A	£31.15	
	7	ASC6B	£31.15	
	8	ASC6C	£31.15	
	Award	1777 (ASC1 + ASC2 + ASC3 + ASC4 + ASC5 + ASC6A or ASC6B or ASC6C)		

March 2021

Specification	Unit	Entry codes	Fee per unit	Total qualification cost
Functional English Level 1	1 – Reading	8720R	£10.05	£30.20
	2 – Writing	8720W	£10.05	
	3 – Speaking	8720S	£10.10	
	Award	8721	£0.00	
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Awards and Certificates in Personal and Social Education 2021

Specification	Course	Entry codes	Fee per unit	Total qualification cost
Award or Certificate in Personal and Social Education	Entry Level 1, 2 or 3 – Last opportunity for additional unit entry	5800	£7.00	£28.00 for an Award £49.00 for a Certificate
Award or Certificate in Personal and Social Education	Level 1 or 2 – Last opportunity for additional unit entry	5800	£7.00	£28.00 for an Award £49.00 for a Certificate

Unit Award Scheme (UAS) 2021

1 – 59 students – participation fee per student	£21.80
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60 – 299 students – participation fee per student	£16.05
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300 + students – participation fee per student	£14.60
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The participation fee includes all Unit Award Scheme certificates

Replacement Unit Award Scheme certificate	£6.80
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INSET fee per person attending a live AQA organised meeting – (online/face to face)	£214.40
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INSET fee per full day meeting at a school/college for up to 10 attendees	£996.80
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INSET fee per full day meeting at a school/college for 11 to 20 attendees	£1,141.70
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One off registration fee	£399.85
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Other charges (GCSE and A-level)

Annual administration fee for overseas school/colleges (The fee is charged as a single fee, irrespective of the number of exam levels offered or entries made)	£1,021.05
Application administration fee for independent, private and overseas school/colleges (The fee is charged as a single fee, irrespective of the number of exam levels offered or entries made)	£227.90
Certifying letters	£43.00
Replacement certificate	£43.00
Overseas school/college inspection fee	£227.90

Transferred students

This is a one-off fee for all components per student.

Students sitting an exam in the UK

Single student	£36.10
Group request two to five students	£72.20
Group request above five students	£108.30

Students sitting an exam outside the UK

Single student	£72.20
Group request two to five students	£144.40
Group request above five students	£216.60

Post-Results Services

For exam series between January 2021 and March 2021

Service	Qualification type/level	Service no	Cost
Clerical check (per component, unit or module)	Level 1 and 2	1	£8.05
	Level 3	1	£8.05
Priority review of marking	Level 3 only	2P	£51.75
Review of marking	Level 3	2	£43.45
	Level 1 and 2	2	£37.55
Copy of reviewed or clerically checked script	Level 1, 2 and 3	S	£14.35
Review of moderation (if the school/college cohort consists of five or fewer students, the review of moderation fee will be half the normal rate)	Level 3	3	£251.60
	Level 1 and 2	3	£225.80
Access to scripts without a review or clerical check – photocopy	Level 1, 2 and 3		£8.65
Access to scripts without a review or clerical check – original	Level 1, 2 and 3		£6.80
Appeals against decisions (only following review of results)	Stage 1	Level 1, 2 and 3	£111.75
	Stage 2	Level 1, 2 and 3	£191.55

Level 1 and 2 qualifications includes: **GCSE**, AQA Certificate (Level 1 and 2), ELC, FCSE, Functional Skills, Level 1 and 2 Projects, Level 1/2 Technical Awards.

Level 3 qualifications includes: **AS and A-level**, AQA Certificate (Level 3), Level 3 Extended Project, Tech Levels and Applied Generals.