

Entry fees and other charges

November 2023, January 2024 and March 2024

Guidance on our fees and when they apply

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We are an education charity

Providing rigorous and fair assessment, and world class research and expertise to help define the future of assessment.

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're the most chosen 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 over 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.

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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 aim is always to keep our prices fair and competitive – and we understand that no one wants to see prices increase, so for the November 2023, January 2024 and March 2024, we've frozen the fees at the summer 2023 prices.

Where the money goes

We provide market-leading qualifications and first-class support services that are excellent value for money.

As an education charity, we reinvest entry fees back into education - into creating and delivering rigorous and fair assessment, and our world class research and expertise to help define the future of assessment.

We work hard to manage our costs, because being careful with our money means we can offer as wide a choice of subjects as possible – along with comprehensive support and training packages for teachers – now and in the future. It also means we're able to subsidise some of our qualifications, and offer the majority of our customer training events for free.

As well as paying for our assessment services, exam fees enable us to invest in the quality of our examining teams, to offer a comprehensive training package for teachers, and to provide additional support services including:

- our subject and curriculum experts
- subject resources (Plan, Teach, Assess)
- Enhanced Results Analysis tool (ERA)
- dedicated support and advice on non-exam assessment (NEA).

Our fees mean we can invest in the future

We reinvest entry fees into continuously improving and delivering high quality qualifications and assessments. We've been investing in our support services over the last year and still have more work planned for the next few years to make sure we're continuing to meet the needs of our schools and colleges.

Income from fees enables us to invest in our technology and develop a secure, modern, cloud-based platform, which will help protect both us and our customers from the growing cyber threat. It also means we can invest in the future of assessment, including our new on-screen assessment research and development work.

We also deliver charitable activities including [cutting-edge assessment research](#) that benefits the whole education system, and the [AQA Unlocking Potential programme](#), which helps develop and inspire young people facing significant challenges in life.

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

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Entry details

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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 charged for each student entered for a unit or qualification.

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 6). 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 6). This fee is 100 % of the original entry fee and is in addition to the entry fee for any new entry.

Withdrawn entries

We will offer a credit note for each entry withdrawn by schools/colleges before the date specified for each exam series (see table of key dates on page 6).

Late, very late and amendment fees are not refunded. No credit notes are provided for entries 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 for modular qualifications (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.

Very late awards

After the closing date for review of results 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.

Total Qualification Cost (modular qualifications)

The total amount of all fees for each unit necessary to aggregate a subject award for a modular qualification. We do not charge a fee for aggregation, i.e. the entry code you must submit for bringing unit results together for a subject award. The fee does not include re-sits of units.

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
November	BG23	2 September 2023	4 October 2023	5 October 2023	25 October 2023	25 October 2023	25 October 2023
January	1A24	9 September 2023	21 October 2023	22 October 2023	15 December 2023	15 December 2023	15 December 2023
March	3G24	8 October 2023	21 January 2024	22 January 2024	21 February 2024	21 February 2024	21 February 2024

Deadlines correct at the time of publication. Please check our website for the latest information [aqa.org.uk/exams-administration/entries](https://www.aqa.org.uk/exams-administration/entries)

Transferred Candidates

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

Please note: **late requests will be charged at 100 % in addition to the regular fee** as stated on page 5.

Series		On time request deadline	Late requests charged from
November	BG23	4 October 2023	5 October 2023
January	1A24	1 December 2023	2 December 2023
March	3G24	21 February 2024	22 February 2024

For further information on the process for Transferred Candidates and how to access the JCQ eligibility criteria, visit [aqa.org.uk/exams-administration/entries/transfers](https://www.aqa.org.uk/exams-administration/entries/transfers)

Fees for Transferred Candidates

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

Students sitting an exam in the UK

Single student	£38.00
Group request two to five students	£76.00
Group request above five students	£113.95

Students sitting an exam outside the UK

Single student	£76.00
Group request two to five students	£151.95
Group request above five students	£227.90

GCSE specifications – November 2023

Specification	Course	Entry codes	Total entry fees
English Language	Full course	8700	£43.70
Mathematics (Foundation and Higher Tier)	Full course	8300F 8300H	£41.20

Functional skills specifications – November 2023

Specification	Unit	Entry codes	Fee per unit	Total qualification cost
Functional English Level 1	1 – Reading	8720R	£10.85	£32.60
	2 – Writing	8720W	£10.85	
	3 – Speaking	8720S	£10.90	
	Award	8721	£0.00	
Functional English Level 2	1 – Reading	8725R	£10.85	£32.60
	2 – Writing	8725W	£10.85	
	3 – Speaking	8725S	£10.90	
	Award	8726	£0.00	
Functional Mathematics Level 1		8361	£32.50	
Functional Mathematics Level 2		8362	£32.50	

Extended Project – November 2023

Specification	Course	Entry code	Total qualification cost
Extended Project	Level 3	7993	£62.45

Entry Level Certificates specifications – January 2024

Specification	Course	Entry codes	Total qualification cost
Step up to English	Entry Level – Silver Step	5972	£38.95
	Entry Level – Gold Step	5973	£38.95
Mathematics	Entry Level	5930	£38.95
Science	Entry Level – Single Award	5961	£26.25
	Entry Level – Double Award	5962	£38.95

Functional skills specifications – January 2024

Specification	Unit	Entry codes	Fee per unit	Total qualification cost
Functional English Level 1	1 – Reading	8720R	£10.85	£32.60
	2 – Writing	8720W	£10.85	
	3 – Speaking	8720S	£10.90	
	Award	8721	£0.00	
Functional English Level 2	1 – Reading	8725R	£10.85	£32.60
	2 – Writing	8725W	£10.85	
	3 – Speaking	8725S	£10.90	
	Award	8726	£0.00	
Functional Mathematics Level 1		8361	£32.50	
Functional Mathematics Level 2		8362	£32.50	

Level 3 Certificates – January 2024

Specification	Unit	Entry codes	Fee per unit	Total qualification cost
Applied Business Level 3 Certificate	1	ABS1	£33.50	£100.50
	2	ABS2	£33.50	
	3	ABS3	£33.50	
	Award	1831 (ABS1+ABS2+ABS3)	£0.00	
Applied Business Level 3 Extended Certificate	1	ABS1	£33.50	£201.00
	2	ABS2	£33.50	
	3	ABS3	£33.50	
	4	ABS4	£33.50	
	5	ABS5	£33.50	
	6	ABS6	£33.50	
	7	ABS7	£33.50	
	8	ABS8	£33.50	
	Award	1832 (ABS1+ABS2+ABS3+ABS4+ABS5+ABS6 or ABS7 or ABS8)	£0.00	
Applied Science Level 3 Certificate	1	ASC1	£33.50	£100.50
	2	ASC2	£33.50	
	3	ASC3	£33.50	
	Award	1776 (ASC1+ASC2+ASC3)	£0.00	

Level 3 Certificates – January 2024 (continued)

Specification	Unit	Entry codes	Fee per unit	Total qualification cost
Applied Science Level 3 Extended Certificate	1	ASC1	£33.50	£201.00
	2	ASC2	£33.50	
	3	ASC3	£33.50	
	4	ASC4	£33.50	
	5	ASC5	£33.50	
	6	ASC6	£33.50	
	7	ASC7	£33.50	
	8	ASC8	£33.50	
	Award	1777 (ASC1+ASC2+ASC3+ASC4+ASC5 +ASC6A or ASC6B or ASC6C)	£0.00	

Functional skills specifications – March 2024

Specification	Unit	Entry codes	Fee per unit	Total qualification cost
Functional English Level 1	1 – Reading	8720R	£10.85	£32.60
	2 – Writing	8720W	£10.85	
	3 – Speaking	8720S	£10.90	
	Award	8721	£0.00	
Functional English Level 2	1 – Reading	8725R	£10.85	£32.60
	2 – Writing	8725W	£10.85	
	3 – Speaking	8725S	£10.90	
	Award	8726	£0.00	
Functional Mathematics Level 1		8361	£32.50	
Functional Mathematics Level 2		8362	£32.50	

Other charges (GCSE and A-level)

Annual administration fee for overseas school/colleges	£1,074.15
Application administration fee for independent, private and overseas school/colleges	£239.80
Certifying letters	£45.25
Replacement certificate/Certified Statement of Results	£43.00
Overseas school/college inspection fee	£239.80

Post-Results Services

For November 2023, January 2024 and March 2024 exam series

Review of marking and moderation services	Stage/Level	Cost
Clerical check (per component, unit or module)	Level 1 and 2	£8.70
	Level 3	£8.70
Review of marking (including a free copy of the reviewed script)	Level 1 and 2	£40.35
	Level 3	£46.75
Priority Review of marking (including a free copy of the reviewed script)	Level 3	£55.60
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 1 and 2	£242.50
	Level 3	£270.30
Appeals against decisions (only following review of results)	Stage 1 (all levels)	£120.05
	Stage 2 (all levels)	£205.80
Access to scripts services	Level	Cost
Copy of clerically checked script	Level 1, 2 and 3	Free
Priority copy of marked paper	Level 1, 2 and 3	Free
Original marked paper	Level 1, 2 and 3	Free

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

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