

Entry fees and other charges

November 2024, January 2025 & March 2025

Guidance on our fees and when they apply

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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're 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 30,000 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.

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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 - but like many other organisations we're experiencing a rise in the cost of providing our services.

Entry fees for our qualifications have increased so they better reflect the market and the true costs of delivering these qualifications. This approach means we can continue to:

- offer the widest range of qualifications,
- invest in our qualifications,
- improve our support services.

Where the money goes

As an independent charity, we work hard to manage our costs because being careful with our money means we can help more teachers and students realise their potential.

We reinvest our income back into education. This means we're able to continuously improve our qualifications and assessments and the support we provide and means we're able to continue to offer qualifications with low numbers of entries. It also funds other educational services, such as assessment research that benefits the whole education system. As well as paying for our assessment services, exam fees enable us to invest in the quality of our examining teams and to offer a comprehensive support and training package for teachers, including:

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

Our fees mean we can invest in the future

We reinvest entry fees into creating and delivering high quality qualifications and assessments and offering 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.

Income from fees also enables us to invest in our technology to develop and maintain 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, such as our cutting-edge research to help inform policy decisions, as well as our new on-screen assessment research and development work.

Our fees are also used to provide the best possible resource and support materials, for example our new adaptive maths test AQA Stride. The test allows teachers to pinpoint gaps in a student's conceptual knowledge – saving them time, and empowering students who then know what they need to do to improve. As a charity, we believe everyone should benefit from this and so AQA Stride is being fully funded by us and available to schools and colleges in England for free.

We're committed to providing comprehensive support for our teachers including new and improved resources, curriculum connect sessions, Inside assessment Continuous Professional Development and Senior Leadership Team webinars. You'll always have the latest specification resources with AQA - giving you the assurance, confidence, and clarity you need to succeed.

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 over 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 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	BG24	02 Sept 2024	04 Oct 2024	05 Oct 2024	25 Oct 2024	25 Oct 2024	25 Oct 2024
January	1A25	06 Sept 2024	21 Oct 2024	22 Oct 2024	15 Dec 2024	15 Dec 2024	15 Dec 2024
March	3G25	04 Oct 2024	21 Jan 2025	22 Jan 2025	21 Feb 2025	21 Feb 2025	21 Feb 2025

Deadlines correct at the time of publication. Please check our website for the latest information 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	BG24	04 Oct 2024	05 Oct 2024
January	1A25	02 Dec 2024	03 Dec 2024
March	3G25	07 Feb 2025	08 Feb 2025

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	£39.55
Group request two to five students	£79.05
Group request above five students	£118.55

Students sitting an exam outside the UK

Single student	£79.05
Group request two to five students	£158.05
Group request above five students	£237.05

GCSE specifications – November 2024

Specification	Course	Entry codes	Total entry fee
English Language	Full Course	8700	£48.00
Mathematics (Foundation and Higher Tier)	Full Course	8300F	£48.00
		8300H	

Functional skills specifications – November 2024

Specification	Unit	Entry codes	Fee per unit	Total entry fee
Functional English Level 1	1 – Reading	8720R	£11.30	£33.95
	2 – Writing	8720W	£11.30	
	3 – Speaking	8720S	£11.35	
	Award	8721	£0.00	
Functional English Level 2	1 – Reading	8725R	£11.30	£33.95
	2 – Writing	8725W	£11.30	
	3 – Speaking	8725S	£11.35	
	Award	8726	£0.00	
Functional Mathematics Level 1		8361		£33.80
Functional Mathematics Level 1		8362		£33.80

Extended Project – November 2024

Specification	Course	Entry codes	Total qualification cost
Extended Project	Level 3	7993	£65.45

Entry Level Certificates specifications – January 2025

Specification	Course	Entry codes	Total qualification cost
Step up to English	Entry Level – Silver Step	5972	£40.55
	Entry Level – Gold Step	5973	£40.55
Mathematics	Entry Level	5930	£40.55

Functional skills specifications – January 2025

Specification	Unit	Entry codes	Fee per unit	Total entry fee
Functional English Level 1	1 – Reading	8720R	£11.30	£33.95
	2 – Writing	8720W	£11.30	
	3 – Speaking	8720S	£11.35	
	Award	8721	£0.00	
Functional English Level 2	1 – Reading	8725R	£11.30	£33.95
	2 – Writing	8725W	£11.30	
	3 – Speaking	8725S	£11.35	
	Award	8726	£0.00	
Functional Mathematics Level 1		8361		£33.80
Functional Mathematics Level 1		8362		£33.80

Level 3 Certificates (Applied General) – January 2025

Specification	Unit	Entry codes	Fee per unit	Total qualification cost
Applied Business Level 3 Certificate	1	ABS1	£34.85	£104.55
	2	ABS2	£34.85	
	3	ABS3	£34.85	
	Award	1831 (ABS1+ABS2+ABS3)	£0.00	
Applied Business Level 3 Extended Certificate	1	ABS1	£34.85	£209.10
	2	ABS2	£34.85	
	3	ABS3	£34.85	
	4	ABS4	£34.85	
	5	ABS5	£34.85	
	6	ABS6	£34.85	
	7	ABS7	£34.85	
	8	ABS8	£34.85	
	Award	1832 (ABS1+ABS2+ABS3+ABS4+ABS5+ABS6 or ABS7 or ABS8)	£0.00	
Applied Science Level 3 Certificate	1	ASC1	£34.85	£104.55
	2	ASC2	£34.85	
	3	ASC3	£34.85	
	Award	1776 (ASC1+ASC2+ASC3)	£0.00	

Level 3 Certificates (Applied General) – January 2025 (continued)

Specification	Unit	Entry codes	Fee per unit	Total qualification cost
Applied Science Level 3 Extended Certificate	1	ASC1	£34.85	£209.10
	2	ASC2	£34.85	
	3	ASC3	£34.85	
	4	ASC4	£34.85	
	5	ASC5	£34.85	
	6	ASC6A	£34.85	
	7	ASC6B	£34.85	
	8	ASC6C	£34.85	
	Award	1777 (ASC1+ASC2 +ASC3+ASC4+ASC5 +ASC6A or ASC6B or ASC6C)	£0.00	

Functional skills specifications – March 2025

Specification	Unit	Entry codes	Fee per unit	Total entry fee
Functional English Level 1	1 – Reading	8720R	£11.30	£33.95
	2 – Writing	8720W	£11.30	
	3 – Speaking	8720S	£11.35	
	Award	8721	£0.00	
Functional English Level 2	1 – Reading	8725R	£11.30	£33.95
	2 – Writing	8725W	£11.30	
	3 – Speaking	8725S	£11.35	
	Award	8726	£0.00	
Functional Mathematics Level 1		8361		£33.80
Functional Mathematics Level 1		8362		£33.80

Other charges (GCSE and A-level)

Annual administration fee for overseas school/colleges	£1,117.15
Application administration fee for independent, private and overseas school/colleges	£249.40
Certifying letters	£47.10
Replacement certificate/Certified Statement of Results	£47.10
Overseas school/college inspection fee	£249.40

Post-Results Services

For November 2024, January 2025 and March 2025 exam series

Review of marking and moderation services	Stage/Level	Cost
Clerical check (per component, unit or module)	Level 1, 2 and 3	£9.05
Review of marking (including a free copy of the reviewed script)	Level 1 and 2	£42.00
	Level 3	£48.65
Priority Review of marking (including a free copy of the reviewed script)	Level 3	£57.85
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	£252.20
	Level 3	£281.15
Appeals against decisions (only following review of results)	Stage 1 (all levels)	£124.90
	Stage 2 (all levels)	£214.05
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.