
Entry fees and other charges

Summer 2021

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Guidance on our fees and when they apply.

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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 27,000 teachers, lecturers, subject experts and academics who helped 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.

Summer 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.

We wanted to wait for some clarity on the arrangements for these exams to make sure we could understand the costs involved and then price our qualifications appropriately for our schools and colleges.

The details for summer 2021 are still being confirmed, and the latest developments mean we still don't know what the summer is going to cost. But we do know that schools need to budget for their entries, so we feel that the simplest option is to set fees at the level we were planning to if exams had gone ahead as usual.

For summer 2021, as with January and March, we've applied a fee increase across most of our qualifications. Fees for some subjects are still higher than others, such as subjects with comparatively low entry levels or higher delivery costs.

However, as we've said before, we'd never want to profit from the current challenging circumstances. So we'll make sure we pass any money we don't need back to schools and colleges, just as we did in summer 2020 when we returned £42 million.

We know that schools continue to face budgetary challenges. Our overall aim is to keep our prices competitive, while taking account of the extraordinary circumstances which are leading to increased 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.

We've also created more free resources than usual to offer even more support for schools through all the changes that 2021 brings.

To find out more about what we do, visit our website at 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 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 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 6). **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.

Total Qualification Cost

The total amount of all fees which must be paid in respect of a single student progressing from entry for the qualification through to certification.

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
June	6A21	11 December 2020	21 February 2021	22 February 2021	21 April 2021	21 April 2021
June	6G21	11 December 2020	21 February 2021	22 February 2021	21 April 2021	21 April 2021

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 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 5.

Series	On time request deadline	Late requests charged from
June 6A21 and 6G21	21 March 2021	22 March 2021

[Link to fees section](#)

GCSE specifications summer 2021

Specification	Course	Entry codes	Total qualification cost
Art and Design (Art, craft and design)	Full course	8201C	£38.35
Art and Design (Fine art)	Full course	8202C	£38.35
Art and Design (Graphic communication)	Full course	8203C	£38.35
Art and Design (Textile design)	Full course	8204C	£38.35
Art and Design (Three-dimensional design)	Full course	8205C	£38.35
Art and Design (Photography)	Full course	8206C	£38.35
Bengali (Foundation and Higher Tier)	Full course	8638EF	£52.45
		8638EH	
Biology (Foundation and Higher Tier)	Full course	8461F	£38.35
		8461H	
Business	Full course	8132	£40.65
Chemistry (Foundation and Higher Tier)	Full course	8462F	£38.35
		8462H	
Chinese (Spoken Mandarin) (Foundation and Higher Tier)	Full course	8673EF	£52.45
		8673EH	
Citizenship Studies	Full course	8100	£40.65
Combined Science: Synergy (Foundation and Higher Tier)	Full course	8465F	£76.70
		8465H	
Combined Science: Trilogy (Foundation and Higher Tier)	Full course	8464F	£76.70
		8464H	

Specification	Course	Entry codes	Total qualification cost
Computer Science	Full course – Final opportunity	8520	£38.35
Dance	Full course	8236	£40.65
Design and Technology	Full course	8552E	£38.35
Drama	Full course	8261E	£40.65
Economics	Full course	8136	£40.65
Engineering	Full course	8852E	£52.45
English Language	Full course	8700	£40.65
English Literature	Full course	8702NM	£40.65
		8702PM	
		8702PN	
Food Preparation and Nutrition	Full course	8585E	£38.35
French (Foundation and Higher Tier)	Full course	8658EF	£40.65
		8658EH	
Geography	Full course	8035	£40.65
German (Foundation and Higher Tier)	Full course	8668EF	£40.65
		8668EH	
History	Full course (***denotes paper options)	814***	£40.65
Italian (Foundation and Higher Tier)	Full course	8633EF	£52.45
		8633EH	
Mathematics (Foundation and Higher Tier)	Full course	8300F	£38.35
		8300H	

Specification	Course	Entry codes	Total qualification cost
Media Studies	Full course	8572	£40.65
Modern Hebrew (Foundation and Higher Tier)	Full course	8678EF	£52.45
		8678EH	
Music	Full course	8271E	£40.65
Panjabi (Foundation and Higher Tier)	Full course	8683EF	£52.45
		8683EH	
Physical Education	Full course	8582	£40.65
Physics (Foundation and Higher Tier)	Full course	8463F	£38.35
		8463H	
Polish (Foundation and Higher Tier)	Full course	8688EF	£52.45
		8688EH	
Psychology	Full course	8182	£40.65
Religious Studies	Short course	8061A	£28.50
		8061B	
		8061C	
		8061D	
		8061E	
		8061F	
Religious Studies A	Full course (**denotes paper options)	8062**	£40.65

Specification	Course	Entry codes	Total qualification cost
Religious Studies B	Full course	8063XA	£40.65
		8063XB	
		8063YA	
		8063YB	
Sociology	Full course	8192	£40.65
Spanish (Foundation and Higher Tier)	Full course	8698EF	£40.65
		8698EH	
Statistics (Foundation and Higher Tier)	Full course	8382F	£40.65
		8382H	
Urdu (Foundation and Higher Tier)	Full course	8648EF	£52.45
		8648EH	

AS and A-level specifications summer 2021

Specification	Course	Unit	Entry codes	Fee per unit	Total qualification cost
Accounting	AS – Final opportunity		7126		£65.65
	A-level		7127		£105.60
Art and Design (Art, craft and design)	AS – Final opportunity		7241C		£53.30
	A-level		7201C		£87.85
Art and Design (Fine art)	AS – Final opportunity		7242C		£53.30
	A-level		7202C		£87.85
Art and Design (Graphic communication)	AS – Final opportunity		7243C		£53.30
	A-level		7203C		£87.85
Art and Design (Textile design)	AS – Final opportunity		7244C		£53.30
	A-level		7204C		£87.85
Art and Design (Three-dimensional design)	AS – Final opportunity		7245C		£53.30
	A-level		7205C		£87.85
Art and Design (Photography)	AS – Final opportunity		7246C		£53.30
	A-level		7206C		£87.85
Bengali	A-level		7637		£118.20
Biblical Hebrew	A-level		7677		£118.20
Biology	AS		7401		£53.30
	A-level		7402		£94.15
Business	AS		7131		£65.65
	A-level		7132		£87.85

Specification	Course	Unit	Entry codes	Fee per unit	Total qualification cost
Chemistry	AS		7404		£53.30
	A-level		7405		£94.15
Computer Science	AS		7516A		£65.65
			7516B		
			7516C		
			7516D		
			7516E		
	A-level		7517A		£87.85
			7517B		
			7517C		
			7517D		
			7517E		
Dance	AS – Final opportunity		7236		£73.70
	A-level		7237		£134.00
Design and Technology – Fashion and Textiles	AS – Final opportunity		7561E		£122.40
	A-level		7562E		£205.90
Design and Technology – Product Design	AS – Final opportunity		7551E		£122.40
	A-level		7552E		£205.90
Drama and Theatre	AS – Final opportunity		7261		£73.70
	A-level		7262		£134.00
Economics	AS		7135		£65.65
	A-level		7136		£87.85
English Language and Literature	AS – Final opportunity		7706		£53.30
	A-level		7707		£87.85

Specification	Course	Unit	Entry codes	Fee per unit	Total qualification cost
English Language	AS		7701		£53.30
	A-level		7702		£87.85
English Literature A	AS		7711		£53.30
	A-level		7712A 7712B		£87.85
English Literature B	AS		7716AA		£53.30
			7716AB		
			7716BA		
			7716BB		
	A-level		7717AA		£87.85
			7717AB		
		7717BA			
		7717BB			
Environmental Science	AS – Final opportunity		7446		£73.70
	A-level		7447		£134.00
French	AS		7651T		£65.65
	A-level		7652T		£105.60
Further Mathematics	AS		7366DS		£65.65
			7366SM		
			7366MD		
	A-level		7367DS		£122.30
			7367SM		
			7367MD		

Specification	Course	Unit	Entry codes	Fee per unit	Total qualification cost
Geography	AS		7036		£53.30
	A-level		7037		£105.60
German	AS		7661T		£65.65
	A-level		7662T		£105.60
History	AS (**denotes paper options) – Final opportunity for some options		7041**		£53.30
	A-level (**denotes paper options)		7042**		£87.85
Law	AS – Final opportunity		7161		£65.65
	A-level		7162A 7162B		£105.60
Mathematics	AS		7356		£65.65
	A-level		7357		£122.30
Media Studies	AS – Final opportunity		7571		£65.65
	A-level		7572		£105.60
Modern Hebrew	A-level		7672		£118.20
Music	AS – Final opportunity		7271E		£65.65
	A-level		7272E		£105.60
Panjabi	A-level		7682		£118.20
Philosophy	AS – Final opportunity		7171		£65.65
	A-level		7172		£105.60
Physical Education	AS – Final opportunity		7581		£65.65
	A-level		7582		£105.60

Specification	Course	Unit	Entry codes	Fee per unit	Total qualification cost
Physics	AS		7407		£53.30
	A-level		7408A		£94.15
			7408B		
			7408C		
			7408D		
			7408E		
Polish	A-level		7687		£118.20
Politics	AS – Final opportunity		7151		£65.65
	A-level		7152		£105.60
Psychology	AS		7181		£53.30
	A-level		7182		£87.85
Religious Studies	AS		7061A		£65.65
			7061B		
			7061C		
			7061D		
			7061E		
	A-level		7062A		£105.60
			7062B		
			7062C		
			7062D		
			7062E		
Sociology	AS		7191		£53.30
	A-level		7192		£87.85
Spanish	AS		7691T		£65.65
	A-level		7692T		£105.60

Level 3 Certificate (Applied General) summer 2021

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	

Specification	Unit	Entry codes	Fee per unit	Total qualification cost
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)		

Level 1/2 Technical Awards summer 2021

Specification	Unit	Entry codes	Fee per unit	Total qualification cost
Performing Arts	1	PER1	£21.70	£65.10
	2	PER2	£21.70	
	3	PER3	£21.70	
	Award	3746	£0.00	

Functional skills specifications summer 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	
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

Entry Level Certificates specifications summer 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
Science	Entry Level Single award	5961	£24.45
Science	Entry Level Double award	5962	£36.25

Awards and Certificates in Personal and Social Education summer 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

Foundation Certificate of Secondary Education summer 2021

Specification	Course	Entry codes	Total qualification cost
Chinese (Mandarin)	Full Course	8973	£26.70
	Short Course – Spoken	8971	£17.85
	Short Course – Written	8972	£17.85
French	Full Course	8958	£26.70
	Short Course – Spoken	8956	£17.85
	Short Course – Written	8957	£17.85
German	Full Course	8968	£26.70
	Short Course – Spoken	8966	£17.85
	Short Course – Written	8967	£17.85
Spanish	Full Course	8998	£26.70
	Short Course – Spoken	8996	£17.85
	Short Course – Written	8997	£17.85

AQA Certificates summer 2021

Specification	Course	Entry code	Fee per unit	Total qualification cost
Further Mathematics	Level 2	8365		£44.95
Mathematical Studies	Level 3	1350A	£54.65	£54.65
		1350B	£54.65	
		1350C	£54.65	

Level 1 and Level 2 Projects and Extended Project summer 2021

Specification	Course	Entry code	Total qualification cost
Foundation Project	Level 1	7991	£37.75
Higher Project	Level 2	7992	£37.75
Extended Project	Level 3	7993	£58.15

Unit Award Scheme (UAS) 2021

1 – 59 students – participation fee per student	£21.80
60 – 299 students – participation fee per student	£16.05
300 + students – participation fee per student	£14.60
The participation fee includes all Unit Award Scheme certificates	
Replacement Unit Award Scheme certificate	£6.80
INSET fee per person attending a live AQA organised meeting – (online/face to face)	£214.40
INSET fee per full day meeting at a school/college for up to 10 attendees	£996.80
INSET fee per full day meeting at a school/college for 11 to 20 attendees	£1,141.70
One off registration fee	£399.85

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 summer 2021 exam series

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.