



## About Level 3 Mathematical Studies

Level 3 Mathematical Studies is our accredited Core Maths qualification. Brought in by the Government, Core Maths is designed for students with a grade 4 or above in GCSE maths who want to take the subject further, but aren't moving forward with another post-GCSE maths course. The use of real-life scenarios will appeal to students who prefer a less academic approach and appreciate the value of everyday maths and problem-solving skills. It will also support them through further/higher education and the learned skills will be useful in future employment.

At 180 guided learning hours and with three options to choose from, Level 3 Mathematical Studies is a valuable addition to any student's personal learning plan.

### Did you know?

- The qualification has the same UCAS tariff points as an AS.
- It is included in school and college performance tables for the 16 to 19 Level 3 maths measure.
- It counts as the maths element of the TechBacc.
- It qualifies for the £600 Advanced Maths Premium.

Download our specification from [aqa.org.uk/coremaths](https://www.aqa.org.uk/coremaths)

## How is the assessment structured?

### Paper 1

(compulsory content, taken by **all** students) assesses:

- analysis of data
- maths for personal finance
- estimation.

### AND

### Paper 2

(optional content – students take **one** paper only)

Either paper 2A

assesses:

- critical analysis of given data and models including spreadsheets and tabular data
- statistical techniques.

Or paper 2B

assesses:

- critical analysis of given data and models including spreadsheets and tabular data
- critical path and risk analysis.

Or paper 2C

assesses:

- critical analysis of given data and models including spreadsheets and tabular data
- graphical techniques.

### For all exam papers

- 90 minutes
- 60 marks
- scientific/graphics calculator allowed
- no optional questions
- copy of Preliminary Material available in advance on eAQA and clean copy of Preliminary Material to be provided in examination room.

## Free resources ready for you

### Past, practice and specimen papers and mark schemes

#### Past papers

Take a look at our past papers and mark schemes to show you what our assessment looks like.

Download our past papers from [aqa.org.uk/coremaths](https://www.aqa.org.uk/coremaths)

Download our specimen papers from [aqa.org.uk/coremaths](https://www.aqa.org.uk/coremaths)

You can find more practice papers at [aqamaths.aqa.org.uk/coremaths](https://www.aqamaths.aqa.org.uk/coremaths)

#### All About Maths

You'll have access to the best free resources on All About Maths, our online resource site for maths teachers. You'll get:

- interactive route maps (scheme of work) with links to free web resources for each topic
- specification and sample assessment materials
- lesson plans on finance
- teacher support event packs, including lesson ideas
- resources focusing on problem-solving using estimation
- exemplar questions and mark schemes
- marked student answers and more.

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We'll continue to work closely with teachers and the **Advanced Maths Support Programme** to make sure you have all the resources you need to teach our new specification.

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