

Reformed GCSEs in Wales

GCSEs are changing – in Wales and elsewhere in the UK

- A*** **to G:** GCSEs reformed for Wales will still be graded from **A* to G**
- A** **Assessment:** GCSEs reformed for Wales will have strengthened assessment methods and updated content
- B** **Bilingual:** GCSEs reformed for Wales can be taken in Welsh or English
- C** **Choices:** where GCSE subjects have not been reformed in Wales, students can study those reformed for England
- D** **Delivery:** GCSEs reformed for Wales are offered by WJEC
- E** **England:** reformed GCSEs in England are graded 9 to 1
- F** **First class:** GCSEs in Wales are of equal value to those taken in other parts of the UK
- G** **Grading:** universities recognise the difference in grading structures in England and Wales.

What's happening in other parts of the UK?

GCSEs in England and Northern Ireland are also being reformed. This means that in future there will be some differences in the GCSEs awarded in each of these three countries.

One of the most noticeable differences will be in the grades that students receive.

- Wales keeps the current A* to G grade scale
- England is adopting a 9 to 1 grade scale
- Northern Ireland is moving to a new A* to G grade scale that contains a new C* grade.

It's important to remember that these changes will not affect the value of GCSEs. **GCSEs taken in Wales, England and Northern Ireland remain comparable.**

The qualifications taken in all three countries will continue to be of the same size and accessible to the same range of students as those they replace.

You can find more information on our website www.qualificationswales.org

GCSE grading structures from 2017

Wales	England
A*	9
A	8
B	7
C	6
D	5
E	4
F	3
G	2
U	1
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