



Learner Results

Guide to the data submission process

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Introduction

In order to fulfil our regulatory and accreditation functions as set out in the [Qualifications Wales Act 2015](#), we require awarding bodies to provide learner results data for regulated qualifications.

This guidance is based on Ofqual's [Guidance for Summer awarding data](#) document.

When will data be collected?

Data will be collected according to the [reporting schedule](#) which is agreed and maintained by Qualifications Wales' Statistics team.

What data will be collected?

Learner results data will be collected for GCSE, AS, A level, Skills Challenge Certificate, and L3 Project qualifications for all awarding series in the 2020/21 academic year.

General completion guidelines

- This data return is for data relating to Learners in Wales only (i.e. in centres with a Wales postcode).
- This collection is for Learner-level cash-in data for all learners certifying in the relevant series at the qualification level.
- Our purposes for requiring the data are:
 - To carry out our monitoring and audit functions
 - To publish statistics about the qualifications system in Wales
 - To carry out evidence-based research on the qualifications and the qualifications system
 - To investigate issues reported to Qualifications Wales
- This is to support our Principal Aims:
 - Ensuring that qualifications, and the Welsh qualification system, are effective for meeting the reasonable needs of learners in Wales;
 - Promoting public confidence in qualifications and in the Welsh qualification system.
- We intend to analyse this data to support our communications on results day in accordance with our regulatory objective to promote public confidence in regulated qualifications. We may also use this data in other analyses to support our regulatory work.

File format

The file must be CSV format and the first row must be headers as displayed in the 'Name' column of the table below. The subsequent rows must have the values of the data to be reported which must match the format and validation rules below.

Name	Description	Position	Validation Regular Expression	Description of Regular Expression
ExamSeries	The exam series the data relates to, for example 'June 2017' should relate to the series the learner certificates in.	1	^(January June November)([09][0-9][09][0-9])\$	Full month name of exam series and year.
ReportingDate	Date the file was due to be submitted regardless of when it was actually uploaded. Format accepted 120 ODBC canonical yyyy-mm-dd.	2	^(20)\d{4}([012][019] 12[09])[301]\$	The date in the following format: year (four digits), a dash, month (two digits), a dash, day (two digits), e.g. 2021-01-31
AwardingOrganisation	Name of the awarding organisation	3	^.{1,100}\$	One to 100 characters accepted
QAN	Qualification Accreditation Number e.g. 123/1234/1	4	^.{1,10}\$	One to ten characters accepted
QWNumber	Qualification Unique Identifier e.g. C00/0723/3	5	^.{1,10}\$	One to ten characters accepted

QualificationLevel	Level of qualification, for example GCSE	6	^(GCSE AS A level National/Foundation Skills Challenge Certificate Advanced Skills Challenge Certificate Foundation (post 16) Skills Challenge Certificate National (post 16) Skills Challenge Certificate L3 Project)\$	One of the following list: GCSE, AS, A level, National/Foundation Skills Challenge Certificate, Advanced Skills Challenge Certificate, Foundation (post 16) Skills Challenge Certificate, National (post 16) Skills Challenge Certificate, L3 Project
CertificationCode	Entry or option code to which candidates certificate	7	^.{1,7}\$	One to seven characters accepted
SpecificationCode	Specification code also known as Subject Award Code and Cash-in Code	8	^.{1,7}\$	One to seven characters accepted
SpecificationTitle	Specification title also known as subject title	9	^.{1,150}\$	One to 150 characters accepted
CentreNo	NCN number of centre at time of certification	10	^.{1,5}\$	One to five characters accepted
PartialAbsence	To indicate a partial absence	11	^(1 0 -2)\$	Enter 1 to flag a partial absence, otherwise enter 0. -2 accepted if not available.
PrivateLearner	To indicate a private learner	12	^(1 0)\$	Enter 1 to flag a private learner, otherwise enter 0.

UniqueCandidateIdentifier	Unique Candidate Identifier (UCI)	13	^.{1,14}\$	One to 14 characters accepted
Gender	To indicate candidate's gender	14	^(M F -2)\$	Accepted values M, F. -2 accepted if unknown.
DOB	To indicate candidate's month and year of birth. Format accepted yyyy-mm.	15	^(20)\d\d[0[19] 1[012]]\$	Date in the following format: year (four digits), a dash, month (two digits). 2999-12 accepted if DOB unknown.
SubjectLevelGrade	Subject grade	16	^(A* A*A* A*A A Star A Star A Star A Star A AA AB BB B C CC CD DD D E EE EF FF F G GG UU A B C D E F G U X Q 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 1-1 2-1 2-2 3-2 3-3 4-3 4-4 5-4 5-5 6-5 6-6 7-6 7-7 8-7 8-8 9-8 9-9 P P* -2)\$	One of the following list: A*, A*A*, A*A, A Star, A Star A Star, A Star A, AA, AB, BB, B, C, CC, CD, DD, DE, EE, EF, FF, FG, GG, UU, A, B, C, D, E, F, G, U, X, Q, 1 to 9, 1-1 to 9-9, P, P*. -2 accepted for unknown value.

SubjectLevelUniformMark	Subject level uniform mark total (not for reformed qualifications).	17	$\text{^}\backslash\text{d}\{1,4\}\text{^}$	A numeric value between 0 and 9999 accepted. -2 accepted for qualifications that do not use UMS or when not applicable.
SubjectLevelScaledMark	Subject level scaled mark. This is the total mark for the candidate after scaling/weighting has been applied – applicable for current linear GCSE, reformed qualifications and any qualification that doesn't use uniform mark.	18	$\text{^}\backslash\text{d}\{1,3\}\text{^}$	A numeric value between 0 and 9999 accepted. -2 accepted for qualifications that use UMS or when not applicable.

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