

PREDICTED GRADE GOOD PRACTICE

UCAS has sent the first iteration of its predicted grade report to schools and colleges that have requested access to their individual centre data. This has been designed following extensive consultation with the sector, and is the next phase of our work to bring greater transparency to higher education admissions, following the launch of the historical entry grades data.

This report includes 2024 End of Cycle data on 18-year-old applicants domiciled in England, Wales, and Northern Ireland with at least three A levels from their school or college; and will allow schools and colleges to benchmark their UCAS predictions for A-levels, helping to inform 2026 UCAS predictions.

A UCAS predicted grade is the grade of qualification an applicant's school or college believes they're likely to achieve in positive circumstances.

- Providers should be transparent about how they use predicted grades and consider the impact that this may have; students and teachers may respond to admissions processes that use predicted grades in certain ways e.g. ranking applicants.
- Providers should not disadvantage applicants based on how individual centres have predicted grades in previous cycles; processes and staff can change between cycles.
- Providers should be aware that in some circumstances and for some qualifications that it may be difficult or impossible to produce meaningful predicted grades, for example where students start a qualification close to the point of application, or where a student's referee is unfamiliar with the process. In these cases the student should not be disadvantaged, and alternative ways to assess the application and student's potential should be used.
- Providers should have a clear and accessible policy around exam reviews for applicants that sets out timings and next steps – especially in cases where a review means that an applicant meets the offer conditions having previously been rejected.

Further information about grading can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/gcse-and-a-level-grading-what-you-need-to-know/gcse-and-a-level-grading-what-you-need-to-know> and our adviser facing guidance can be found at <https://www.ucas.com/advisers/help-and-training/guides-resources-and-training/application-overview/predicted-grades-what-you-need-know-entry-year>