

PREDICTED GRADE GOOD PRACTICE

In 2025, UCAS piloted the Predicted Grades Reports in response to demand for greater support in issuing predicted grades. Following positive feedback, UCAS will now publish the reports annually directly to schools and colleges, building on from the feedback gathered since the pilot phase.

The next iteration of reports will include 2025 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. The reports are designed to support advisers, allowing them to benchmark their UCAS predicted grades and inform 2027 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. If a predicted grade is not present, we recommend checking Weblink before contacting the referee.

- 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, 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-to-know-for-entry-this-year>