

Update for Cambridge schools on June 2020 series 26 August 2020

To Cambridge International schools worldwide,

Following our announcement on 17 August about the change in our awarding process for June 2020, this week we are providing more guidance on some of the main questions we have received.

We also have some updates on our Cambridge ICT Starters and Cambridge PDQ series, and on the June 2021 series.

We are very grateful to you for working patiently with us through this challenging period. We encourage you to keep in touch with us if you have questions or would like advice.

We will update schools again on 3 September 2020.

Supporting schools with changes in awarding process for the June 2020 series

On 17 August we issued an update on how we are awarding grades for the June 2020 series. This update was sent to all schools and is also <u>here</u>.

Reminder on new grades and group awards

New grades were issued via Cambridge International Direct and the Candidate Results Service on Friday 21 August at 10.00 BST.

We will recalculate all group awards (Cambridge AICE Diploma and Cambridge ICE) based on the new grades. We will release these on Thursday 27 August at 10.00 BST.

Appeals

We appreciate that many of you have questions about appeals. To support you following the re-release of results on 21 August, we have produced some *Guidance on appeals for the June 2020 series*. This document replaces the *Post-results and appeals supplement for the June 2020 series* that we shared with you in July and is available on our website: www.cambridgeinternational.org/appeals.

For the June 2020 series, you can request three types of Stage 1 appeal. Appeals can be requested for individual candidates, or for a group of candidates:

Type of appeal	How to submit	Deadline
Malpractice	Complete 'appeals – form 1', available from 'Support materials' on Direct and email it to us: info@cambridgeinternational.org	Within 28 days of receiving your malpractice investigation outcome.
Procedural	Complete 'appeals – form 2', available from 'Support materials' on Direct and email it to us: info@cambridgeinternational.org	20 September 2020
Special circumstance	Complete 'appeals – form 3', available from 'Support materials' on Direct and email it to us: info@cambridgeinternational.org	20 September 2020

If you work with us through a Cambridge Associate, such as the British Council, you should send your completed forms to them, and they will send them to us.

Frequently asked questions

Can I appeal my predicted grade/s that my school gave me?

Candidates (and their parents or legal guardians) cannot appeal against the predicted grades their school submitted for them. If you are unhappy about the predicted grade you have received, please speak to your school directly as they will be best placed to provide you with advice and guidance on your results.

Why can't candidates, parents and legal guardians appeal against the predicted grade/s?

For June 2020, the predicted grades and rank order positions have been decided by our centres and confirmed by the heads of centre, or school principal. When your centre submitted predicted grades and rank orders to us, the head of centre completed a declaration of authority. By completing this declaration, the head of centre confirmed that the data submitted was final and correct. They also confirmed their understanding that once the predicted grades and rank orders were submitted, they would be considered as final by Cambridge International. It is your head of centre or school principal, therefore, who is best placed to provide you with advice and guidance on your results.

One of my candidates received a U grade for Cambridge International AS Level in the June 2020 series. Can they still enter for Cambridge International A Level in the June 2021 exam series?

If a candidate wants to enter for a future exam series, for example June 2021, via the A2-only route, they can do this regardless of the grade (A*–U) that they received in the June 2020 series. The grade which the candidate received in the June 2020 series will not be taken into account. To be eligible for the A2-only route, candidates must have been entered for the relevant Cambridge International AS Level in the June 2020

series, and must not have been withdrawn at any point. You will then need to enter them as a 'June carry-forward' candidate to access the A2-only route in June 2021.

Candidates can also be entered as linear A Level candidates in the June 2021 exam series and take all the components of the A Level (AS and A2) in the June 2021 series.

Cambridge ICT starters and Professional Development Qualifications

We are pleased to confirm that we are reopening entries for Cambridge PDQs and ICT Starters from the October 2020 series.

- For Cambridge ICT Starters, we are reopening entries from October 2020.
- Cambridge PDQs will re-open for the October series and will follow the published dates in the
 PDQ Administrative Guide from that point onwards. Any queries about the submission of
 ePortfolios can be made to the team at info@cambridgeinternational.org.

June 2021 series

We acknowledge that many schools have questions about our approach to assessment and syllabuses for June 2021 and we are working on these. We will update schools on 3 September about the June 2021 series, and will publish our full approach to the series no later than 7 September.

Staying in touch

You can find all our advice on our website at www.cambridgeinternational.org/covid

If you have any questions, you can review our frequently asked questions, or contact us via: www.cambridgeinternational.org/help.

We wish everyone in the Cambridge International community well at this time.