

Guidance for Centres with exam cancellation (May/June 2026)

Evidence of student performance

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1	02/04.2026	
2	08.04.2026	Expansion of criteria for submitting evidence, more detailed guidance around evidence criteria, more information around submitting evidence at both International GCSE and A-level.
2.1	09.04.2026	Revised flowchart inserted

Evidence of student performance for certifying students

If exams cannot take place in your region during the May/June 2026 exam series, centres must submit evidence for every student entered for OxfordAQA International GCSE, AS or A-level qualifications **who wishes to certify this exam season and fall into one of the following scenarios:**

- Student has entered for the International GCSE exams
- **Student is certifying at AS in May/June and has no previous AS unit results**
- **Student is certifying at A-level in May/June and has existing AS unit grades only**
- Student is entered for resit units in the May/ June series

For all other scenarios, existing unit results will be used to calculate the overall grade (please see page 7 for more information on this).

This document explains the process that centres must follow and the evidence that is needed.

Where students are entered to resit any units this series, we expect centres to provide evidence of their performance which will be graded by an examiner. If you are unable to do this, we will calculate a grade based on their previous units. Please contact us at info@oxfordaqa.com if this applies to any of your students.

Please see page 7 for further information about our broader contingency arrangements for non-certifying students and students who have existing unit grades for both AS & A-level units.

What you need to submit

We will ask centres to submit evidence of student performance digitally from May 1 until June 12. We will also ask you complete a Head of Centre declaration, and you will have the option to submit predicted grades.

Digital submission of evidence

Instructions on how to submit your evidence digitally will be sent to you separately.

Taking a supportive approach

We fully appreciate the difficult circumstances you and your students are dealing with at the moment.

Our examiners will carefully consider and award grades based on all evidence submitted, while also considering the context in which the work was produced, and the challenges students have faced.

Every piece of evidence will be reviewed with care, fairness and understanding, and our processes are designed to support students in achieving the outcomes they deserve.

Please be assured that we are here to work with you throughout this process and will do all we can to make it as smooth and supportive as possible.

Acceptable types of evidence

In most instances we request that Centres submit a complete set of past papers for each unit that a student is entered for. For example, if a student is entered for OxfordAQA International A-level Biology units 3, 4 and 5, they must provide evidence for each unit.

Example 1: Past papers for Paper 1 & Paper 2 for OxfordAQA GCSE Biology

Example 2: Past papers for units 1 & 2 for OxfordAQA AS Biology

Example 3: Past papers for units 3-5 for OxfordAQA A-level Biology

If possible, the set of past papers you submit will have been completed under exam conditions – either within the school or remotely.

If a completed set of past papers are not available or appropriate, we will also accept the following evidence. Where possible, the evidence submitted should cover a broad range of the Assessment Objectives in the specification.

- NEA work (completed or partially completed)
- Classwork completed during the course
- Any other evidence that reflects the student's ability for the unit/qualification
- Speaking tests (OxfordAQA International GCSE ESL, GCSE French, and GCSE Spanish) may be included and recordings in the normal format should be provided. These can be done in a virtual environment when needed. Please see the [OxfordAQA Speaking test instruction document](#) for further information.
- Live speaking tests can be used and can be downloaded from Centre Services

For newer qualifications we recognise that limited past paper materials may be available and that alternative evidence will need to be provided.

Please note that aside from speaking tests, live exam papers from May/ June 26 cannot be used as evidence and will not be accepted.

All evidence must be verified and authenticated by the approved centre as the candidate's own work. We therefore recommend that work submitted has been set by the centre, rather than work produced in a private tutor or training institute environment, unless this is unavoidable.

- Evidence submissions may be tailored at an individual candidate level as we understand that not all students will have completed the same assessments.
- If submitting alternative pieces of evidence (ie. not a complete set of past papers) then we recommend a minimum of 3 and maximum of 5 pieces of evidence per subject (e.g. International GCSE Chemistry) to enable the examiner to award the grade holistically.
- Evidence comprised solely of multiple-choice questions will not be accepted as it is not representative of the types of assessment we typically use. For example, multiple choice questions can be submitted as part of a past paper but should not be submitted as a standalone piece of evidence.
- Submitted evidence work should be unmarked if at all possible

Predicted grades

Centres may submit predicted grades as part of the wider portfolio of evidence, reflecting the grade a learner would be expected to achieve if they were sitting the exam under normal circumstances. The predicted grades will not be used to award but will provide valuable contextual information if required.

We will provide a form for you to submit the predicted grades. This will be provided before the submission window opens.

Teacher and Head of Centre declaration form

We will ask the teacher and Head of Centre to complete a form for each Centre confirming authenticity of the student's work. We will send this out before the evidence submission window opens.

How will the evidence be graded?

As each student will have different types and quality of evidence, OxfordAQA examiners will make a holistic judgement about the quality of the evidence.

OxfordAQA examiners will:

- Grade the work on the evidence submitted
- Compare work to exemplar materials across the grade range (if appropriate)
- Consider the difficulty of the tasks
- Use subject expertise to determine an appropriate grade

Evidence of student performance for International AS and A-level qualifications

Because our International A-levels are modular and the units can be sat at different times across the course, we know that students may have both existing unit results from previous series and have units that they have not previously sat that they need to provide evidence for.

In this instance we will need evidence for each unit that a student has been entered for this exam series. E.g. if a student is entered for units 3, 4, and 5, please enter a piece of evidence for each of these units. This will then be used alongside the existing unit results to give an overall grade.

Please do not provide more than 5 pieces of evidence per subject.

The grade will be converted to a UMS score (we will share more information on this in due course). On results day students will get both a grade and a UMS score.

Evidence of student performance for International GCSE qualifications

As OxfordAQA International GCSEs are linear, students take all the units in one exam series.

Please submit a minimum of a piece of evidence per component across the full International GCSE. For example, a completed mock paper for Paper 1 and Paper 2. Please do not submit more than 5 pieces of evidence per subject.

For International GCSE qualifications, a grade will be awarded but no marks will be given.

If a student wishes to re-sit, then they will need to re-sit all components in a subsequent series.

Results and post-results services

Results will be issued on results days for OxfordAQA International GCSEs and International A-levels. For A-levels, results will be issued to your centre, for exams officer and head of centre access only, on 12 August and GCSEs on 19 August.

Centres may request a Review of Grade after results have been issued. We will confirm details of this to you nearer the time.

If the evidence does not meet the requirements

OxfordAQA may contact you if the evidence does not meet the requirements and give you the opportunity to provide more evidence if needed.

Private Candidates

If you are a Private Candidate, please speak to your centre in the first instance. If your Centre accepts private candidates then the same evidence criteria as above will apply but we will provide separate guidance to your centres on how to submit your work.

Broader contingency arrangements

For certifying students

If your students have already achieved results in OxfordAQA International AS and A-level components in a previous exam series, these can be used to provide an overall grade for the subject.

If students have not previously banked grades, we will need you to provide evidence of performance for each student.

For non-certifying students

For students who are not planning to complete their qualification and receive their certificate in this exam series, we will work with you to defer them to a future series and will provide more guidance in due course.

Example scenarios

We appreciate that each student in your cohort will have different scenarios. To help guide you to the which contingency is appropriate for each we have provided a couple of worked examples.

Further examples will be provided and added to this document

1. Student A: certifying for A-level and entered for all A2 units

Student A is entered for the A-level units (BL03, BL04 and BL05) and certifying for International A-level Biology for May/June.

They have banked results for AS units (BL01 and BL02) from a previous series.

Student A will be awarded a result based on evidence of student performance. The centre should submit evidence of the student's work for the A-level units.

2. Student B: certifying for A-level and entered for some A-level units

Student B is entered for A-level units (BL04 and BL05) and certifying for International A-level Biology for May/June.

They have banked results for AS units (BL01, BL02,) and an A-level unit (BL03) from a previous series.

Results for BL04 and BL05 will be calculated based on the student's result in BL03. This is because BL03 is an A-level unit and comparable in standards to BL04 and BL05.

*Student B will be awarded a result based on calculated grades. There is **no** need to submit any evidence of the student's work.*

What contingency arrangements will be available if OxfordAQA exams do not take place in my country?

