

Summer 2015 awards

Out of tolerance summary

Reporting Procedures¹

Wherever actual and predicted outcomes differed beyond a given reporting tolerance depending on entry size, the relevant exam board informed the regulators and other exam boards of the details.

The reporting tolerances are given in the following table.

Matched entry	Reporting tolerance*
500 or less	Not applicable
501 – 1,000	3%
1,001 – 3,000	2%
3,001 or more	1%

*The reporting tolerances applied at grade A for AS and A level and at grades A and C for GCSE.

For A*, the allowable tolerance between predicted and actual outcomes was ± 2 per cent.²

Where outcomes were outside the reporting tolerance, at one or more grades, these were reported with a full technical explanation

¹ More detail on the reporting procedures can be found in our data exchange procedures document here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/setting-gcse-and-a-level-grade-standards-in-summer-2014-and-2015>

² For qualifications where there were more than 500 matched entries and more than 100 of the matched entries obtained grade A cumulative overall.

Overall figures

	Overall	A level	AS	GCSE
Number of awards reviewed	743	216	225	302
Number of awards reviewed against a reporting tolerance	517	140	157	220
Number of awards outside of reporting tolerances	51	9	5	37

A level subjects outside of reporting tolerances

Subject	No. of awards out of tolerance	Above or below predictions for the grade(s) reported out of tolerance
Art and design	1	Below at A*
Biology	1	Above at A
Business studies	1	Above at A
Geography	1	Above at A*
German	1	Above at A
History	1	Above at A
ICT	1	Above at A
Mathematics	1	Above at A
Religious studies	1	Above at A

AS subjects outside of reporting tolerances

Subject	No. of awards out of tolerance	Above or below predictions for the grade(s) reported out of tolerance
Art and Design	1	Above at A
History	1	Above at A
ICT	1	Above at A
Mathematics	1	Above at A
Religious Studies	1	Above at A

GCSE subjects outside of reporting tolerances

Subject	No. of awards out of tolerance	Above or below predictions for the grade(s) reported out of tolerance
Art and design	1	Above at C
Biology	2	Above at A
Chemistry	2	Above at A*
Computer science	1	Below at C
Citizenship studies	1	Below at A
Classical civilisation	1	Above at A*, A and C
Dance	1	Below at C
Design and technology – textiles	1	Below at A*
Economics	2	Above at A* and A
Environmental and land based science	1	Above at C
English language	3	Below at A Above and below at C
Health and social care	2	Above at C
Home economics	1	Above at C
History	1	Above at A Below at C
ICT	1	Below at A* Below at C
Irish	1	Above at A
Latin	1	Above at A*, A and C
Learning for life and work	2	Above at A* and A
Applications of mathematics	2	Above at A
Mathematics	3	Above and below at A*, A and C
Methods in mathematics	1	Above at A* and A
Music	1	Below at C
Physical education	1	Below at A
Physics	1	Above at A*
Religious studies	2	Above at A* and A
Welsh	1	Above at C