

Appendix Q - Learning Outcome Grade Code List

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Outcome Grades

The following list of Outcome grades are valid in the Outcome grade field and the alphabetic characters must be in upper case:

- *, A to G, N, U, X, Y;
- a combination of two letters in the range A to G;
- a combination of * and letters in the range A to G;

PA	Pass
ME	Merit
DS	Distinction
CR	Credit
FL	Fail
01-99	numeric value
FI	first class honours
SU	upper second class honours
SL	lower second class honours
SE	undivided second class honours
TH	third class honours
FO	fourth class honours
UH	unclassified honours
OR	Ordinary
GN	General
DS*	Distinction *

Entry Level Qualifications and Certificates (ELC's)

The following grading should be used to record the level of achievement for entry level qualifications:

EL1	achievement at entry level 1
EL2	achievement at entry level 2
EL3	achievement at entry level 3

BTEC National Certificates

The following should be used to record the overall grade for BTEC National Certificates where two grades are issued:

- Any combination of two of the letters P, M and D, for example PP, MP, MD, DD

BTEC National Diplomas

The following should be used to record the overall grade for BTEC National Diploma where three or four grades are issued:

- Any combination of three or four of the letters P, M and D, for example PPP, MPP, MMPM

Edexcel BTEC Level 3 Diploma or Extended Diploma

The following should be used to record the overall grade for Edexcel BTEC Level 3 Diploma or Extended Diploma:

- Any combination of two or three of the letters P, M, D, D*.

CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Child Care and Education

The following should be used to record the CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Child Care and Education:

- Any combination of three of the letters A, B, C, D or E, for example AAA, BBA, CCB, DDC, EED

Pre-U Certificates

The following should be used to record the Pre-U Certificate:

- D1, D2, D3, M1, M2, M3, P1, P2 or P3

Other Grade

OTH Other grade not included on the list above but as listed in Annex 1 to this Appendix.

BTEC qualifications

The following should be used to record award grades for BTEC qualifications, which can be achieved at more than one level:

Grade Description	ILR Outcome grade Value
Award	
U	U
Level 1	L1
Level 2 Pass	L2P
Level 2 Merit	L2M
Level 2 Distinction	L2D
Level 2 Distinction *	L2D*
Certificate/Extended Certificate/Diploma	
U	U
Level 1	L1
Level 2 PP	L2PP
Level 2 MP	L2MP
Level 2 MM	L2MM
Level 2 DM	L2DM

GCSE's

New GCSEs are to be taught in England from September 2015. These GCSEs have a grading scale that uses the numbers 1 to 9 to identify levels of performance, with 9 being the top grade. Further information about the reforms can be found [here](#)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/reforming-qualifications-and-the-curriculum-to-better-prepare-pupils-for-life-after-school/supporting-pages/gcse-reform>.

GCSE (9-1) (Double Award) (Science only)

Although worth two GCSEs, GCSE (9-1) (Double Award) Combined Science will be awarded as if it is one qualification. Candidates will receive one of the 17 grades below depending on their total raw marks.

Grade Description	ILR Outcome Grade Value
9 - 9	99
9 - 8	98
8 - 8	88
8 - 7	87
7 - 7	77
7 - 6	76
6 - 6	66
6 - 5	65
5 - 5	55
5 - 4	54
4 - 4	44
4 - 3	43
3 - 3	33
3 - 2	32
2 - 2	22
2 - 1	21
1 - 1	11