

AQA

Old Past Paper Grade Boundaries

These are the grade boundaries for AQA legacy past papers and a suggested guide for converting these to a 9-1 grade.

May/June 2017

2017	Paper 1 H	
Mark /60	A*-G	9-1
51		9
42	A*	8
34	A	7
26	B	6
22		5
18	C	4
10	D	U
<10	U	U

2017	Paper 2 H	
Mark /60	A*-G	9-1
53		9
47	A*	8
36	A	7
25	B	6
20		5
15	C	4
7	D	U
<7	U	U

2017	Paper 3 H	
Mark /60	A*-G	9-1
42		9
34	A*	8
30	A	7
26	B	6
25		5
23	C	4
20	D	U
<20	U	U

2017	Paper 1 F	
Mark /60	A*-G	9-1
48		5
37	C	4
29	D	3
21	E	2
13	F	1
5	G	1
<5	U	U

2017	Paper 2 F	
Mark /60	A*-G	9-1
46		5
32	C	4
26	D	3
20	E	2
14	F	1
8	G	1
<8	U	U

2017	Paper 3 F	
Mark /60	A*-G	9-1
50		5
41	C	4
31	D	3
22	E	2
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May/June 2015

2015	Paper 1 H	
Mark /60	A*-G	9-1
53		9
47	A*	8
37	A	7
27	B	6
22		5
18	C	4
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2015	Paper 2 H	
Mark /60	A*-G	9-1
52		9
45	A*	8
36	A	7
27	B	6
23		5
19	C	4
11	D	U
<11	U	U

2015	Paper 3 H	
Mark /60	A*-G	9-1
52		9
44	A*	8
39	A	7
34	B	6
32		5
30	C	4
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Estimating 9-1 Grade Boundaries

Please note that these grade boundaries, although based on real AQA grade boundaries, are only a rough estimate of how they translate to the 9-1 grades.

To calculate grade boundaries for **higher** tier papers:

Grade	Calculation
9	Mark midway between full marks on the paper and A* threshold
8	Minimum mark needed for an A*
7	Minimum mark needed for an A
6	Minimum mark needed for a B
5	Mark midway between a C and B
4	Minimum mark needed for a C
U	Any mark below a grade C

To calculate grade boundaries for foundation tier papers:

Grade	Calculation
5	Mark midway between full marks on the paper and C threshold
4	Minimum mark needed for a C
3	Minimum mark needed for a D
2	Minimum mark needed for an E
1	Minimum mark needed for a G
U	Any mark below a grade G

