

## POINTS TABLES FOR PRINCIPAL LEARNING UNITS & QUALIFICATION, THE PROJECT & THE DIPLOMA

TABLE A - POINTS AVAILABLE FOR UNITS OF EACH SIZE FOR LEVEL 1 PRINCIPAL LEARNING AND PROJECT

GLH	30	60	PROJ (60)
U	0	0-1	0-1
B	1	2-3	2-3
A	2	4-5	4-5
A*	3	6-7	6-7
Max	4	8	8

TABLE B - POINTS AVAILABLE FOR UNITS OF EACH SIZE FOR LEVEL 2 PRINCIPAL LEARNING AND PROJECT

GLH	30	60	PROJ (60)
U	0	0-1	0-1
C	1	2-3	2-3
B	2	4-5	4-5
A	3	6-7	6-7
A*	4	8-9	8-9
Max	5	10	10

TABLE C - POINTS AVAILABLE FOR UNITS OF EACH SIZE FOR LEVEL 3 PRINCIPAL LEARNING AND EXTENDED PROJECT

GLH	30	60	90	PROJ (120)
U	0	0-1	0-2	0-3
E	1	2-3	3-5	4-7
D	2	4-5	6-8	8-11
C	3	6-7	9-11	12-15
B	4	8-9	12-14	16-19
A	5	10-11	15-17	20-23
A*	6	12-13	18-20	24-27
Max	7	14	21	28

TABLE D - LEVEL 1 PRINCIPAL LEARNING SUBJECT AND DIPLOMA BOUNDARIES

GRADE	MINIMUM POINTS	DIPLOMA MINIMUM POINTS
B	8	10
A	16	20
A*	24	30
Max	32	40

TABLE E - LEVEL 2 PRINCIPAL LEARNING SUBJECT AND DIPLOMA BOUNDARIES

GRADE	MINIMUM POINTS	DIPLOMA MINIMUM POINTS
C	14	16
B	28	32
A	42	48
A*	56	64
Max	70	80

TABLE F - LEVEL 3 PRINCIPAL LEARNING SUBJECT AND DIPLOMA BOUNDARIES

GRADE	PL MINIMUM POINTS	DIPLOMA MINIMUM POINTS
E	18	22
D	36	44
C	54	66
B	72	88
A	90	110
A*	108	132
Max	126	154

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## DIPLOMA GRADING

ESSENTIAL WORKING DOCUMENTS

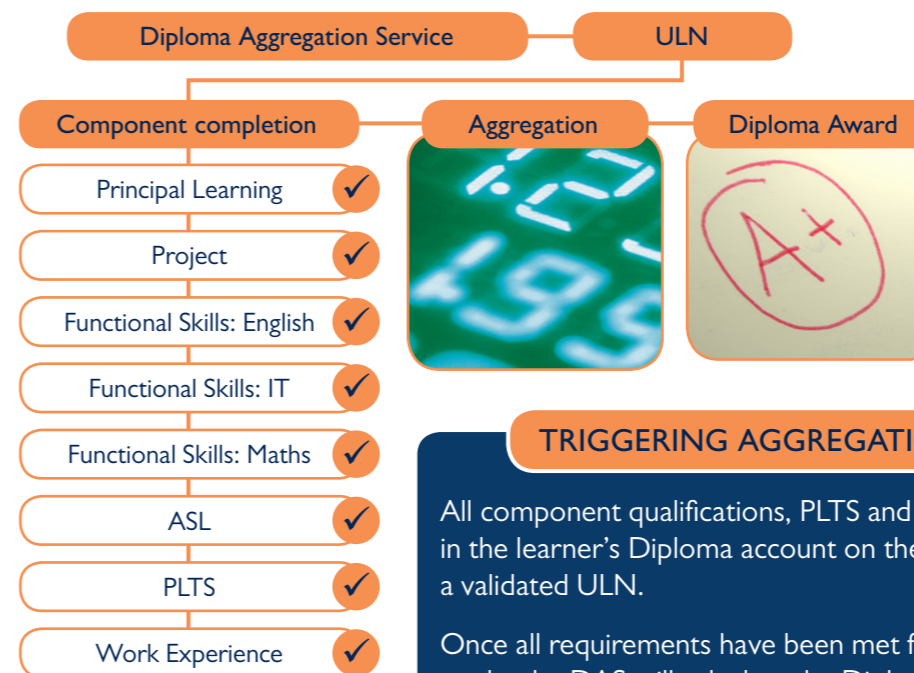
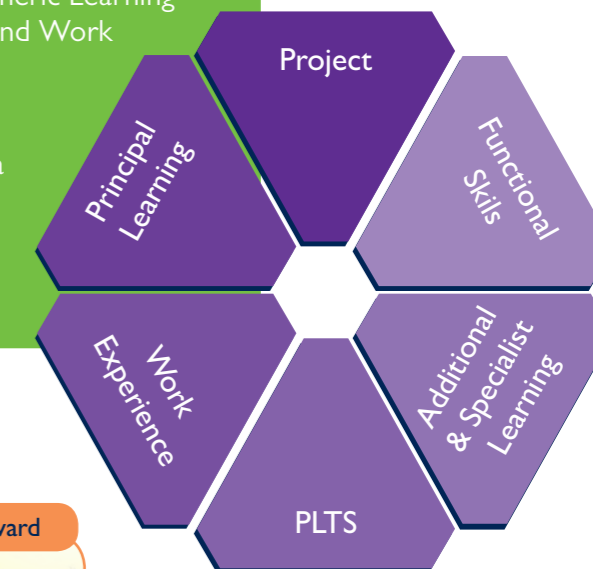
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### DIPLOMA GRADING

The Diploma qualification is comprised of Principal Learning, Generic Learning (Project, Functional Skills, Personal Learning and Thinking Skills and Work Experience) and Additional and Specialist Learning (ASL).

All components must be completed before a Diploma can be awarded, with the exception of the Level 3 Progression Diploma which has no requirement for ASL.

The Diploma Grade is calculated from a combination of points attained for the Principal Learning and Project qualifications.



### TRIGGERING AGGREGATION OF THE DIPLOMA GRADE

All component qualifications, PLTS and Work Experience outcomes are recorded in the learner's Diploma account on the Diploma Aggregation Service (DAS), using a validated ULN.

Once all requirements have been met for a Diploma award and a claim has been made, the DAS will calculate the Diploma grade using the points from each Principal Learning and Project qualification outcome.

This is confirmed by the Diploma Awarding Body which will then issue a Diploma qualification.

### EDEXCEL PRINCIPAL LEARNING UNITS AND CLAIMING THE QUALIFICATION

As with other General Qualifications, for example GCSEs, once all of the Awarding Body's quality assurance processes are completed, the learner is issued with the outcome of the assessment in the form of a grade.

For the Principal Learning units and Project qualification outcomes these grades are converted into points scores which are used by the DAS to calculate the final Diploma score. The sum of these points scores determines the final Diploma grade. Three steps to calculating the Diploma grade are on the second page of this document.

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## 3 STEPS TO CALCULATING THE DIPLOMA GRADE

### Step 1: Calculating the Principal Learning qualification and Project grades.

The overall Principal Learning points score must be calculated. Each unit is worth a certain number of points which is determined by its Guided Learning Hours (GLH). The points score that has been achieved for each Principal Learning unit and the Project are provided with the component results.

Tables A, B and C, overleaf show the points that a learner will receive for each grade for each Principal Learning unit and the Project according to GLH and level.

### Step 2: Calculating the Principal Learning qualification grade.

The points scores for the units are added together to obtain the overall Principal Learning score. Maximum points scores for each level are as follows:

Level 1 – 32      Level 2 – 70      Level 3 – 126

This is derived from the total of all Principal Learning unit points scores. The grade boundaries for the Principal Learning qualification are given in Tables D, E and F overleaf in the column entitled PL minimum points.

### Step 3: Calculating the Diploma grade

The overall Principal Learning points score is added to the Project points score (as given in Tables A, B and C) to obtain the overall Diploma points score and grade.

The Diploma point scores and grade boundaries are shown in the column entitled Diploma minimum points in Tables D, E and F.

The example on the right illustrates how a learner may attain a grade B overall for a Higher Diploma. To the right of the illustration are some explanatory notes about the attainment.

Level 2 Component	GLH	Grade	Value	Total Diploma Points Score	Final Grade
Principal Learning unit 1	60	A* Grade	= 9/10 Points	45/80	B
Principal Learning unit 2	60	B Grade	= 4/10 Points		
Principal Learning unit 3	60	B Grade	= 5/10 Points		
Principal Learning unit 4	60	U Grade	= 1/10 Points		
Principal Learning unit 5	60	A Grade	= 7/10 Points		
Principal Learning unit 6	30	A* Grade	= 4/5 Points		
Principal Learning unit 7	30	B Grade	= 2/5 Points		
Principal Learning unit 8	30	U Grade	= 0/5 Points		
Principal Learning unit 9	30	A* Grade	= 4/5 Points		
Project Qualification	60	A* Grade	= 9/10 Points		
Functional Skills Maths Final Grade		Hurdle	Pass grade required	✓	
Functional Skills English Final Grade		Hurdle	Pass grade required	✓	
Functional Skills IT Final Grade		Hurdle	Pass grade required	✓	
Work Experience requirement		Hurdle	Centre confirmation required	✓	
PLTS Requirement		Hurdle	Centre confirmation required	✓	
Additional and Specialist learning Requirement		Hurdle	Sufficient GLH attained	✓	

### Principal Learning & the Project

In order to achieve a Principal Learning qualification the learner must enter and have a result issued for each unit.

A unit graded U will count towards the completion of Principal Learning. Dependant on unit availability, learners have the opportunity to re-sit units.

### Units, Grades and Points

Units 2 and 3 are the same size (60 GLH) and the learner attained a B grade in each. However, the learner attained a higher points score for unit 3 than for unit 2. The reason for this is - in unit 2, the learner's performance was in the lower range of marks for a grade B, whereas in unit 3 the learner's performance was in the higher range of marks for a grade B.

Dependent on the unit size (GLH), Principal Learning and Project points scores differentiate between performances within a grade; learners may achieve different points scores for the same, achieved grade.

### Tracking attainment throughout Principal Learning

Learners will complete units throughout the delivery of the programme and therefore can accrue points over several exam series. A learner's progress can be monitored through the addition of the point scores. Unit results and points scores will be reported on the Candidate Statement of Provisional Results (CSPR). The sum of each unit scores will give an indication of the potential grade the learner could attain.

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### DIPLOMA HURDLES

Although they do not affect the overall grade of the Diploma, learners are required to satisfy the requirements for Functional Skills, Personal Learning & Thinking Skills (PLTS), Work Experience and Additional & Specialist Learning (ASL).

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### WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE LEARNER?

Diagram E illustrates four examples of learners who achieve a grade C on the same Diploma course, an Advanced Diploma in Construction and the Built Environment.

Although each learner has achieved an overall C each achieved this with a different makeup of individual unit points scores for Principal Learning and the Extended Project.

A commentary for each example can be found in section F.

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Edexcel Construction and the Built Environment			Example 1		Example 2		Example 3		Example 4	
CBE	GLH	Max Points	Grade	Points	Grade	Points	Grade	Points	Grade	Points
Level 3 unit 1	60	14	D	5	A	11	A	10	A	10
Level 3 unit 2	90	21	U	1	B	14	C	11	C	9
Level 3 unit 3	90	21	C	9	C	10	D	8	B	14
Level 3 unit 4	60	14	D	5	A	11	A	10	A	10
Level 3 unit 5	90	21	B	14	B	12	C	9	B	12
Level 3 unit 6	90	21	C	11	C	10	D	8	B	12
Level 3 unit 7	60	14	C	7	C	7	B	8	B	8
Principal Learning Grade and Points	540	126	D	52	B	75	C	64	B	75
Extended Project	120	28	A*	24	C	12	U	2	U	1
Diploma Grade & Points		154	C	76	C	87	C	66	C	76

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### Comments on how each learner achieved a Diploma grade C and the significance of unit points.

**Example 1:** Achieved a D for the Principal Learning qualification, even though one of the units was Unclassified. The learner produced an A\* Extended Project and gained 24 points.

**Example 2:** Achieved a B for the Principal Learning qualification, with the unit grades ranging from A to C. The result of the Extended Project qualification was a C. If this learner had achieved one more point in either the Principal Learning units or Project the learner would have attained a B grade overall for the Diploma.

**Example 3:** Achieved a C for Principal Learning qualification and Unclassified for the Extended Project, however the learner did receive 2 points overall for the Extended Project. These two points were enough to ensure the learner attained the minimum required points for a Diploma C grade.

**Example 4:** Although this learner achieved a B grade for the Principal Learning they were awarded a U with 1 point for the Extended Project. As with example 2 if the learner had achieved a high C for their Extended Project, closer to the standard of their Principal Learning achievement, they could have achieved an overall B for their Diploma.