

Reminder: DiDA is an Awarded Qualification

We would like to remind DiDA programme leaders and assessors that as DiDA is an awarded qualification, the grade boundaries for all units and all current Summative Project Briefs (SPBs) are awarded each moderation series. This means that from one series to the next, the mark at which a candidate can achieve a particular grade may be higher or lower depending on the outcome of the Awarding process. After each examination series we publish the awarded grade boundaries for each unit SPB on our website.

When the DiDA specification was originally published unit grade boundaries were fixed at particular marks and were not subject to change. However, during the pilot of the qualification in 2005 it was decided that it would be more appropriate to award the grade boundaries for each SPB every series. This change was communicated to all centres at the time, and has been publicised to centres through training events, our website and in printed communications.

We are aware that some centres delivering DiDA may still be using the original specification or support material which indicated fixed grade boundaries. Please note that materials that reference fixed grade boundaries are incorrect and the grade boundaries on all DiDA units and for each SPB will be awarded each series for the life of the qualification. **This means that it is possible that the mark at which a candidate gains a particular grade will not necessarily be the same from one moderation series to the next.**

Further information about Awarding and previous grade boundaries are available from the "Results and Reports" menu option on the DiDA section of our website:

www.edexcel.com/quals/dida/results/Pages/default.aspx



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