



# The Project Qualification - An Overview

Project is a new type of qualification available at three levels:

**Level 1 (Foundation)** = ½ a GCSE grades D-F + SCAAT points

**Level 2 (Higher)** = ½ a GCSE grades A\* to C + SCAAT points

**Level 3 (Extended Project)** = ½ a GCE grades A\* to C + UCAS points

It is a **content-free** qualification, students pick a topic area of their choice, guided by their teacher, linked to either an area they are studying in another subject or a topic of their choice. They then produce **one single piece of work**, quite like a ‘mini dissertation’.

With the qualification being **exam-free**, students are assessed on the skills of managing, planning and evaluating a project, where they will obtain information through a number of resources and develop the skills to review and evaluate this information.

Project is an excellent tool as at level 1 and 2 it can help a student progress to GCE and at level 3 aid the transition to higher education or the world of work.

A student benefits from the Project qualification by developing important life skills such as independent learning, time management, research and evaluation, all of which will aid them with their degree choice or entering the world of work.

At the same time as obtaining these skills students can also gain half a GCSE at levels 1 and 2 and at level 3 UCAS points.

For levels 1 and 2 students can submit their project, working as a group or individual, in the form of a report, an artefact or design, or a performance.

For level 3 students choose one of four units producing either a Dissertation, Investigation/Field Study, Performance or Artefact.

At Level 1 or 2 learners will:

- Select an appropriate topic - either individually or as part of a group
- Identify a question which has an intended outcome
- Produce a plan to achieve intended outcome
- Conduct research using appropriate techniques
- Carry out the project using tools and techniques safely
- See the project through to completion
- Share the outcome using appropriate communication methods

At Level 3 learners will:

- Select a topic/area of interest for an in-depth study, and negotiate with tutor scope of the project
- Identify objective(s) in the form of a question or brief and provide a rationale for choice of objective(s)
- Produce a plan showing how they will achieve intended outcome
- Conduct research using appropriate techniques
- Carry out the project using tools and techniques safely
- See the project through to completion
- Share the outcome using appropriate communication methods

For any queries you may have on the Project qualification you can contact the Project team at [Projectteam@edexcel.com](mailto:Projectteam@edexcel.com) or call 0844 576 0031.