

Grounds for appeal to CCEA

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On 17 August, Education Minister Peter Weir announced that:

- GCSE students' grades should now be based only on the centre assessment grades provided by their schools and colleges.
- GCE AS and A2 students should now be awarded either the standardised grade issued on 13 August **or** their centre assessment grade – whichever is higher.

In light of this decision, CCEA's appeals process for applications received onto CCEA's Post Results Services System after 16:00 on Monday 17 August will be accepted on one or more of the following grounds:

- CCEA used the wrong data to calculate your grade.
- CCEA allocated the wrong grade through an administrative error.
- CCEA communicated the wrong grade.
- CCEA did not apply procedures consistently or that procedures were not followed properly and fairly.

CCEA will also address a situation where a centre's internal complaints process concludes that a student's centre assessment outcome was affected by discrimination or bias.

It is for a candidate to demonstrate to the centre that a complaint of bias or discrimination is made out on the evidence. Given the severity of such allegations, we anticipate that such cases will arise only exceptionally. Such cases may also be considered by CCEA as potential maladministration/malpractice.

An appeal **will not** be accepted where the centre seeks to revise the centre assessment grade on the basis that its professional judgement when deciding its grades was wrong, unless new evidence to support this can be provided by the school at individual candidate level.

