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GRADES 9-1

THE NEW GCSEs

EXPLAINED FOR EMPLOYERS

Important changes to GCSE grades from August 2017

The new GCSEs explained for employers

Across Jersey and England GCSE grades are changing. Between 2017 and 2019 there will be a mixture of number and letter grades. From 2020 we expect all grades to be numbered 9-1 with 9 being the highest.

Vocational and technical qualifications, such as BTECs, will remain the same, allocating pupils a pass, merit or distinction grade.



New GCSE	Current GCSE	Vocational and Technical	
9	A*	DISTINCTION	LEVEL 2
8	A	MERIT	
7	B	PASS	LEVEL 1
6	B		
5	C	PASS	LEVEL 1
4			
3	D	PASS	LEVEL 1
2	E		
1	F		
U	G		
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The table above shows how the new 9-1 GCSE grades compare to the current A*-G GCSE grades, as well as the Vocational and Technical 'Pass', 'Merit' and 'Distinction'.

NUMBERS EXPLAINED

- 9 is the highest
- 5 is a strong pass
- 4 is a standard pass

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