Active Results FAQs

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What is Active Results?

Active Results is a free online results analysis service to help you review exam performance, available for GCSEs, A Levels and Cambridge Nationals. It has been designed to help you easily analyse and interpret your candidates, departments and centre's results. You can:

- Pinpoint strengths and development areas of your students and teaching departments
- Review and run analysis on exam performance.
- Identify trends across 4 years for a comparative view.
- Compare your centre's results against OCR National Averages
- View candidates' individual performance against OCR National Averages and your centre average

How do I access Active Results?

You can access Active Results through Interchange or the direct link https://www.activeresults.ocr.org.uk.

What data/reports are available?

Active Results features several reports, which allow you to analyse your results based on:

- Centre Performance
- Candidate Performance
- Specification Performance
- Unit/Component Performance
- Module Level Performance (for some Specifications)
- Content Level (previously under Topic Level Analysis)
- Module Level (GCSE English Only)
- Question and Item Level Performance

Not all reports are available for each subject.
Please view the Available Qualifications list for further information.

Specification Reports	Unit/Component Reports	Candidate Reports	Centre Overview Reports
- Specification Series Analysis - Candidate Specification Analysis - Specification Grade Breakdown	- Unit/Component Series Analysis - Module Level Analysis - Question Level Analysis - All Candidates Item Marks Analysis - Content Level Analysis	- Candidate Specifications & Units Summary - Candidate Specification Breakdown - Candidate Unit/Component Analysis - Candidate Module Analysis - Candidate Marks by Question Analysis - Candidate Marks by Item Analysis - Candidate English Baccalaureate (Ebacc) Summary	- Centre Specification Summary - Centre Unit/Component Summary - Centre Grade Summary

How do I download the data?

Reports can be downloaded as stand-alone reports or integrated in your own presentations. > Select report format > Click export button > Your report will open in a new application.
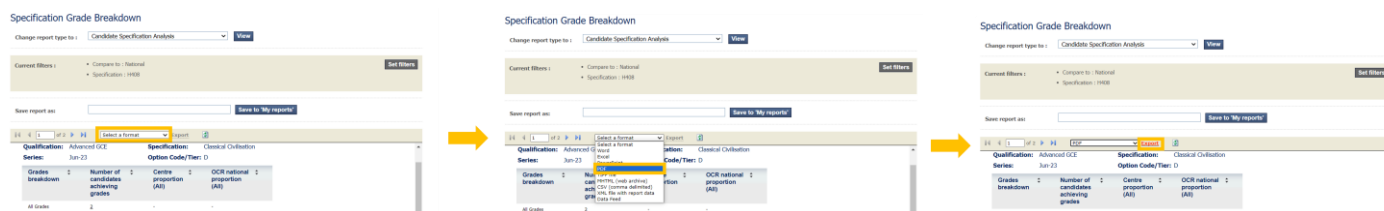
Why are some reports spread across two pages?

Some exams consist of multiple papers (e.g., Paper 1 and Paper 2). To avoid confusion when reviewing the report, each paper is presented on a separate page—Paper 1 on page 1 and Paper 2 on page 2. Additionally, the Question Level Analysis report is too large for one page, therefore the marks report is on page 1 and the percentage report is displayed on page 2.

What is an 'Option Code'?

For reformed AS, A Level, and GCSE (9–1) qualifications—which are linear—entries must be made using the correct option code. This is a single-entry code that ensures the candidate is entered for the appropriate version of the qualification. This includes A Level Sciences (Biology, Chemistry and Physics) and GCSE (9-1) English Language, where selecting the correct option code also includes entry for any required endorsements. Each candidate should only be entered for one option code or tier per unit, where applicable.

What does the OCR National average mean?

It's the average result from all OCR centres for a specific exam series, used as a national benchmark.

Why do some OCR National Averages differ slightly?

Rounding differences: Our reports display averages to one decimal place, but the calculations use more decimal places and round up where necessary.

Calculation methods (examples based on two types of reports):
- Question level analysis: This report shows the average marks the class obtained per question. It uses minimal data, averaging the marks for each question across all students and then calculating the overall average from these question averages. This method assumes each question's average is equally important, regardless of how many students answered each question. Additionally, this report excludes questions that were not attempted from the calculation.
- All candidates item marks analysis: This report uses more detailed data, considering the individual marks each student obtained for each question or sub-question. It calculates the average mark by including every student's mark, making it more accurate because it ensures that questions with more student responses have a proportionally bigger impact on the overall average. Additionally, this report includes questions that were not attempted in the calculation.

Which Report Should You Use?
For a Whole Class Average: Use the Question level analysis report. It gives a general overview of how the class performed on each question.
For Detailed Student Performance: Use the All candidates item marks analysis report. It provides a more accurate overall average by considering each student's performance, making it ideal for understanding individual contributions.

Key Points:
- Weighting: The 'Question level analysis' treats each question's average equally, while the 'All candidates item marks analysis' gives more weight to questions with more student responses.
- Granularity: 'All candidates item marks analysis' looks at each student's mark directly, leading to a more balanced and accurate overall average.

Why do some reports, such as the Candidate Item Marks analysis report appear to have missing data?

Some reports contain a large amount of information, which may not be immediately visible on the screen. To ensure you can view the entire report, scroll bars have been added. You can use the vertical scroll bar on the right to scroll down, and the horizontal scroll bar at the bottom to scroll across from left to right. This will allow you to access all the data presented in the report.

What are omit rates?

These are values showing the rate of omission for each item at centre and OCR National Level. Omit rate reporting has been introduced for some Mathematics qualifications (e.g. GCSE Mathematics) following feedback from users.

Why do some marks data appear as blank or zero (Candidate Item and Question Level reports)?

A mark of zero indicates that the candidate attempted the question but answered incorrectly.
A blank mark means the candidate did not attempt the question at all.
This distinction helps identify not only performance but also engagement with each question.

Why can't I find Cambridge Technical results?

Currently, Active Results does not provide results analysis for Cambridge Technical qualifications. However, OCR is actively working on initiatives to make this functionality available in the future.

How do I add a colleague to Active Results?

To add a colleague to Active Results, please contact your Exams Officer or reach out to OCR directly via email at support@ocr.org.uk or DigitalServices.Support@ocr.org.uk.
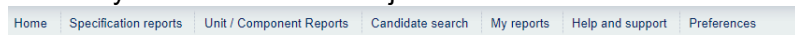
I still need help — who should I contact?

If you need further assistance, please contact support@ocr.org.uk. Alternatively, you can visit the Active Results section on the OCR website for more information and support resources.

How can I view the Centre Specification Summary for all subjects across my centres?

You have two options for accessing the Centre Specification Summary report, including data from previous series (e.g. June 2019 and/or June 2022).

Option 1

From the home page, click "View Specification Report" for your centre. This will display the Centre Specification Summary for the selected subject.
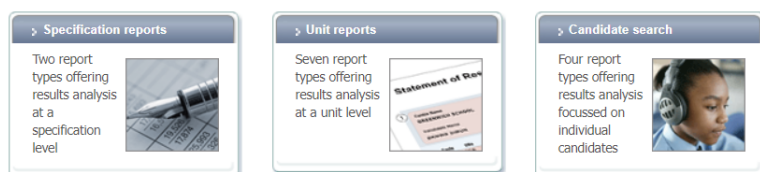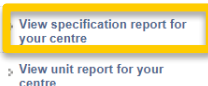
Option 2

Select the "Specification Reports" tab and then select the "Centre Specification Summary" report from the dropdown in the specification reports.

Select specification reports.

Select any specification report from the drop down.

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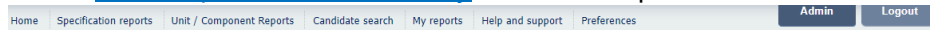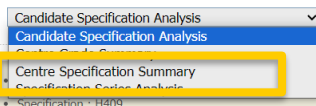
How can I view Content Analysis (previously Topic Level) reporting?

You can view Topic Level reporting by locating Content Analysis (previously named Topic Level Analysis) from the Unit/Component Analysis report menus.

This report is only available for the following **GCSE** Subjects:
- Physics
- Mathematics
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Combined Sciences

I am unable to view reports from the Exceptional Autumn Series Opportunity (EASO) for Cambridge Nationals

Due to the circumstances surrounding this series you are only available to view the following report:

- Candidate Unit/Component Analysis

The other reports associated with Cambridge nationals will not be available against this series. However, if a candidate was awarded in Jun-24 you will be able to view other Active results reports once their final results were awarded.

I can't login to Active Results

Active Results now uses two-factor authentication (2FA) for added security. To log in, you'll need to enter a code from an authentication app — we recommend using Google Authenticator.

When accessing Active Results:

Enter your MyCambridge username and password.
When prompted, enter the authentication code from your app.
Step-by-step instructions for setting up and using 2FA are available on the login page.