

## Cambridge Nationals grade boundaries – January 2026 series

Cambridge Nationals are unitised qualifications. This means the qualifications can be taken in chunks, or units, throughout the course. At the end of the course, you pull together all of the unit results into an overall qualification grade. The mark you get on each exam paper or coursework unit will be your unit mark. This is sometimes called a 'raw' mark.

However, the difficulty of Cambridge Nationals exam papers may vary. In order to make sure results are consistent from year to year, we convert the raw marks to a common scale with grade boundaries that do not change. This scale is known as the uniform mark scale (UMS).

A grade boundary is the minimum mark you need to get a grade. For example, if the unit grade boundary for a merit at Level 2 is 42 UMS, you need to get at least 42 UMS to achieve a merit at Level 2. A mark of 41 UMS would therefore be a pass at Level 2. The unit raw mark and UMS grade boundaries are provided within this document. If you want to convert a specific raw mark to UMS, you can use our [online tool](#).

Units are graded as follows:

- 2\* – distinction\* at Level 2
- d2 – distinction at Level 2
- m2 – merit at Level 2
- p2 – pass at Level 2
- d1 – distinction at Level 1
- m1 – merit at Level 1
- p1 – pass at Level 1

For more information about results and grade calculations, see [our website](#).

### Qualification level UMS grade boundaries

To calculate your overall qualification grade, we add the UMS for each unit to get your total UMS. We then check the total UMS against the qualification UMS grade boundaries. These do not change and are shown below:

Level 1/2 Cambridge National												
			Max Mark	D*2	D2	M2	P2	D1	M1	P1	U	
			UMS	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	0

### Unit level raw mark and UMS grade boundaries

J809 Level 1/2 Cambridge National in Child Development												
				Max Mark	2*	d2	m2	p2	d1	m1	p1	u
R057	01	Health and well-being for child development (Written Paper)	Raw	70	51	46	40	35	29	23	18	0
			UMS	80	72	64	56	48	40	32	24	0
R058 A	01	Create a safe environment and understand the nutritional needs of children from birth to five years (Moderated Upload)	Raw	60	53	47	41	35	29	23	17	0
			UMS	60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	0
R058 B	02	Create a safe environment and understand the nutritional needs of children from birth to five years (Moderated Postal)	Raw	60	53	47	41	35	29	23	17	0
			UMS	60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	0
R059 A	01	Understand the development of a child from one to five years (Moderated Upload)	Raw	60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	0
			UMS	60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	0
R059 B	02	Understand the development of a child from one to five years (Moderated Postal)	Raw	60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	0
			UMS	60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	0

J834 Level 1/2 Cambridge National in Creative iMedia												
				Max Mark	2*	d2	m2	p2	d1	m1	p1	u
R093	01	Creative iMedia in the media industry (Written Paper)	Raw	70	60	55	48	41	35	30	25	0
			UMS	80	72	64	56	48	40	32	24	0
R094 A	01	Visual identity and digital graphics (Moderated Upload)	Raw	50	45	41	36	31	25	20	15	0
			UMS	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	15	0
R094 B	02	Visual identity and digital graphics (Moderated Postal)	Raw	50	45	41	36	31	25	20	15	0
			UMS	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	15	0
R095 A	01	Characters and comics (Moderated Upload)	Raw	70	63	56	49	42	35	28	21	0
			UMS	70	63	56	49	42	35	28	21	0
R095 B	02	Characters and comics (Moderated Postal)	Raw	70	63	56	49	42	35	28	21	0
			UMS	70	63	56	49	42	35	28	21	0
R096 A	01	Animation with audio (Moderated Upload)	Raw	70	63	56	49	42	35	28	21	0
			UMS	70	63	56	49	42	35	28	21	0
R096 B	02	Animation with audio (Moderated Postal)	Raw	70	63	56	49	42	35	28	21	0
			UMS	70	63	56	49	42	35	28	21	0
R097 A	01	Interactive digital media (Moderated Upload)	Raw	70	63	56	49	42	35	28	21	0
			UMS	70	63	56	49	42	35	28	21	0
R097 B	02	Interactive digital media (Moderated Postal)	Raw	70	63	56	49	42	35	28	21	0
			UMS	70	63	56	49	42	35	28	21	0
R098 A	01	Visual imaging (Moderated Upload)	Raw	70	63	56	49	42	35	28	21	0
			UMS	70	63	56	49	42	35	28	21	0
R098 B	02	Visual imaging (Moderated Postal)	Raw	70	63	56	49	42	35	28	21	0
			UMS	70	63	56	49	42	35	28	21	0
R099 A	01	Digital games (Moderated Upload)	Raw	70	63	56	49	42	35	28	21	0
			UMS	70	63	56	49	42	35	28	21	0
R099 B	02	Digital games (Moderated Postal)	Raw	70	63	56	49	42	35	28	21	0
			UMS	70	63	56	49	42	35	28	21	0

**J823 Level 1/2 Cambridge National in Engineering Manufacture**

			Max Mark	2*	d2	m2	p2	d1	m1	p1	u	
R014	01	Principles of engineering manufacture (Written Paper)	Raw	70	59	54	47	40	32	25	18	0
			UMS	80	72	64	56	48	40	32	24	0
R015	01	Manufacturing a one-off product (Moderated Upload)	Raw	60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	0
R015	02	Manufacturing a one-off product (Moderated Postal)	Raw	60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	0
			UMS	60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	0
R016	01	Manufacturing in quantity (Moderated Upload)	Raw	60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	0
R016	02	Manufacturing in quantity (Moderated Postal)	Raw	60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	0
			UMS	60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	0

**J822 Level 1/2 Cambridge National in Engineering Design**

			Max Mark	2*	d2	m2	p2	d1	m1	p1	u	
R038	01	Principles of engineering design (Written Paper)	Raw	70	61	55	47	39	33	27	21	0
			UMS	80	72	64	56	48	40	32	24	0
R039	01	Communicating designs (Moderated Upload)	Raw	60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	0
R039	02	Communicating designs (Moderated Postal)	Raw	60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	0
			UMS	60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	0
R040	01	Design evaluation and modelling (Moderated Upload)	Raw	60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	0
R040	02	Design evaluation and modelling (Moderated Postal)	Raw	60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	0
			UMS	60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	0

**J824 Level 1/2 Cambridge National in Engineering Programmable Systems**

			Max Mark	2*	d2	m2	p2	d1	m1	p1	u	
R047	01	Principles of electronic and programmable systems (Written Paper)	Raw	70	55	49	41	34	28	22	17	0
			UMS	80	72	64	56	48	40	32	24	0
R048	01	Making and testing electronic circuits (Moderated Upload)	Raw	60	53	47	41	35	29	23	17	0
R048	02	Making and testing electronic circuits (Moderated Postal)	Raw	60	53	47	41	35	29	23	17	0
			UMS	60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	0
R049	01	Developing programmable systems (Moderated Upload)	Raw	60	53	47	41	35	29	23	17	0
R049	02	Developing programmable systems (Moderated Postal)	Raw	60	53	47	41	35	29	23	17	0
			UMS	60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	0

**J837 Level 1/2 Cambridge National in Enterprise and Marketing**

			Max Mark	2*	d2	m2	p2	d1	m1	p1	u	
R067	01	Enterprise and marketing concepts (Written Paper)	Raw	70	58	52	44	36	30	24	18	0
			UMS	80	72	64	56	48	40	32	24	0
R068 A	01	Design a business proposal (Moderated Upload)	Raw	60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	0
R068 B	02	Design a business proposal (Moderated Postal)	Raw	60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	0
			UMS	60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	0
R069 A	01	Market and pitch a business proposal (Moderated Upload)	Raw	60	54	49	43	37	31	25	19	0
R069 B	02	Market and pitch a business proposal (Moderated Postal)	Raw	60	54	49	43	37	31	25	19	0
			UMS	60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	0

**J835 Level 1/2 Cambridge National in Health and Social Care**

			Max Mark	2*	d2	m2	p2	d1	m1	p1	u	
R032	01	Principles of care in health and social care settings (Written Paper)	Raw	70	42	38	33	28	24	20	17	0
			UMS	80	72	64	56	48	40	32	24	0
R033 A	01	Supporting individuals through life events (Moderated Upload)	Raw	60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	0
R033 B	02	Supporting individuals through life events (Moderated Postal)	Raw	60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	0
			UMS	60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	0
R034 A	01	Creative and therapeutic activities (Moderated Upload)	Raw	60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	0
R034 B	02	Creative and therapeutic activities (Moderated Postal)	Raw	60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	0
			UMS	60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	0
R035 A	01	Health promotion campaigns (Moderated Upload)	Raw	60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	0
R035 B	02	Health promotion campaigns (Moderated Postal)	Raw	60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	0
			UMS	60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	0

**J836 Level 1/2 Cambridge National in IT**

				<b>Max Mark</b>	<b>2*</b>	<b>d2</b>	<b>m2</b>	<b>p2</b>	<b>d1</b>	<b>m1</b>	<b>p1</b>	<b>u</b>
R050	01	IT in the digital world (Written Paper)	Raw	70	50	44	36	28	24	20	17	0
			UMS	80	72	64	56	48	40	32	24	0
R060 A	01	Data manipulation using spreadsheets (Moderated Upload)	Raw	60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	0
R060 B	02	Data manipulation using spreadsheets (Moderated Postal)	Raw	60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	0
			UMS	60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	0
R070 A	01	Using Augmented Reality to present information (Moderated Upload)	Raw	60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	0
R070 B	02	Using Augmented Reality to present information (Moderated Postal)	Raw	60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	0
			UMS	60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	0

**J828 Level 1/2 Cambridge National in Sport Science**

				<b>Max Mark</b>	<b>2*</b>	<b>d2</b>	<b>m2</b>	<b>p2</b>	<b>d1</b>	<b>m1</b>	<b>p1</b>	<b>u</b>
R180	01	Reducing the risk of sports injuries and dealing with common medical conditions (Written Paper)	Raw	70	49	44	37	31	26	21	16	0
			UMS	80	72	64	56	48	40	32	24	0
R181 A	01	Applying the principles of training: fitness and how it affects skill performance (Moderated Upload)	Raw	80	71	63	55	47	39	31	23	0
R181 B	02	Applying the principles of training: fitness and how it affects skill performance (Moderated Postal)	Raw	80	71	63	55	47	39	31	23	0
			UMS	80	72	64	56	48	40	32	24	0
R182 A	01	The body's response to physical activity and how technology informs this (Moderated Upload)	Raw	40	35	31	27	23	19	15	11	0
R182 B	02	The body's response to physical activity and how technology informs this (Moderated Postal)	Raw	40	35	31	27	23	19	15	11	0
			UMS	40	36	32	28	24	20	16	12	0
R183 A	01	Nutrition and sports performance (Moderated Upload)	Raw	40	35	31	27	23	19	15	11	0
R183 B	02	Nutrition and sports performance (Moderated Postal)	Raw	40	35	31	27	23	19	15	11	0
			UMS	40	36	32	28	24	20	16	12	0

**J829 Level 1/2 Cambridge National in Sport Studies**

				<b>Max Mark</b>	<b>2*</b>	<b>d2</b>	<b>m2</b>	<b>p2</b>	<b>d1</b>	<b>m1</b>	<b>p1</b>	<b>u</b>
R184	01	Contemporary issues in sport (Written Paper)	Raw	70	47	42	35	28	23	19	15	0
			UMS	80	72	64	56	48	40	32	24	0
R185 A	01	Performance and leadership in sports activities (Moderated Upload)	Raw	80	72	64	56	48	40	32	24	0
R185 B	02	Performance and leadership in sports activities (Moderated Postal)	Raw	80	72	64	56	48	40	32	24	0
			UMS	80	72	64	56	48	40	32	24	0
R186 A	01	Sport and the media (Moderated Upload)	Raw	40	36	32	28	24	20	16	12	0
R186 B	02	Sport and the media (Moderated Postal)	Raw	40	36	32	28	24	20	16	12	0
			UMS	40	36	32	28	24	20	16	12	0
R187 A	01	Increasing awareness of Outdoor and Adventurous Activities (Moderated Upload)	Raw	40	36	32	28	24	20	16	12	0
R187 B	02	Increasing awareness of Outdoor and Adventurous Activities (Moderated Postal)	Raw	40	36	32	28	24	20	16	12	0
			UMS	40	36	32	28	24	20	16	12	0