

Calculation of Results for ECITB Level 3 Integrated Diploma and ECITB Level 3 Certificate in Nuclear Engineering and Science (RQF)

Explanation for the Calculation of Results

As a consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic this year, all assessments due to take place in schools and colleges this spring & summer were cancelled. Ofqual, the qualifications regulator, published a temporary regulatory framework for Vocational and Technical Qualifications (VTQs) titled 'Extraordinary Regulatory Framework for VTQ's'. This regulatory framework allowed awarding organisations to assign a grade to as many candidates as possible this summer in a fair and consistent way, enabling those candidates to progress to the next stage of their learning or employment with qualifications that would be recognised by educational establishments and employers.

The following ECITB qualifications were included in this framework allowing us to assign a calculated grade:

- ECITB Level 3 Certificate in Nuclear Engineering & Science (RQF) – QRN: 603/2545/8
- ECITB Level 3 Diploma in Integrated Nuclear Engineering & Science (RQF) – QRN: 603/2551/3

All units within the above qualifications consist of two or more items of assessment. The calculation of results for each unit was based on the following evidence:

- Grades from one or more assessments completed and marked by your college tutors under normal assessment conditions (where available).
- Tutor predicted grades based on candidate performance, for any assessments that did not take place.

ECITB Process for the Calculation of Results

Step 1: For each unit within the qualifications the Approved Centre (College) submits the Internally Assessed Grade and/or Centre Assessment Grade for the unit based on the evidence of candidate performance, including:

- Items of assessments completed under normal assessment conditions and marked by the Centre tutor (Internally Assessed Grade)
- Tutor predicted grades for items of assessment not completed based on candidate performance place (Centre Assessment Grade). For example, marked course work for unit assessments that did not take place.

Step 2: ECITB external quality assurance of items of assessment completed and tutor marked under normal assessment conditions, in line with our normal practice of external quality assurance.

Step 3: ECITB external quality assurance and statistical analysis of tutor predicted grades for items of assessment not completed, including analysis of:

- Performance of candidate between internally assessed grade and predicted grade (if available)
- Consistency of grades per item of assessment compared with previous cohorts.

Step 4: ECITB external quality assurance and statistical analysis of Internally Assessed and/or Centre Assessed grades for each unit, including analysis of:

- Performance of candidate between units that rely entirely on predicted grades compared to units that include internally assessed grades where the candidate has sat the assessment.
- Performance of candidate for the unit of assessment in line with other units within the qualification.
- Consistency of unit grades in line with other units within the qualification.
- Consistency of unit grades with previous cohorts.

Step 5: ECITB calculate the qualification result, based on individual candidate grades and the analysis as explained above; also considering the consistency of pass rates for the qualification compared with previous cohorts.

The ECITB will notify the Approved Centre (College) of the final results by 13th August 2020, to allow the Centre to notify all candidates.

Any candidate who does not receive a result and were expecting to, should speak to their Approved Centre (College).

Process for Appeals

If a candidate believes they have reason to appeal, such as concerns about bias, discrimination or something else that suggests that the Approved Centre (College) did not behave with care or integrity when determining a Centre Assessment Grade or in providing evidence to the awarding organisation then they should discuss this with their Approved Centre (College) in the first instance. Candidates should note that appeal against the Approved Centre (College) judgements will **NOT** be accepted as a basis for appeals for any results issued under Ofqual's conditions outlined in Extraordinary Regulatory Framework for Vocational and Technical Qualifications.

If a candidate believes they have reason to appeal, such as concerns about the process of calculating assessment outcomes made by the ECITB Awarding Organisation then they should also discuss this with the Approved Centre (College) in the first instance. The Approved Centre (College) may then appeal on behalf of the candidate to the awarding organisation.

Candidates choosing to appeal directly to the ECITB Awarding Organisation must provide evidence that they have first completed the Approved Centre (College) appeals process. **It is expected that candidates will only appeal directly to us in exceptional circumstances.**

An Approved Centre (College) and candidates have **20 working days** from notification of results in which to request an appeal, in writing to the ECITB Awarding Organisation.

Remember that the outcome of an appeal could result in a grade going up, down or staying the same.

If you complete the appeals process and are still unsatisfied that the decision made was fair and followed due process, you can refer the matter to Ofqual. Please refer to our full appeals process for further details on this right of escalation.

Full details of ECITB's appeals policy can be found on our website <https://www.ecitb.org.uk/the-ecitb-awarding-organisation/>

Further assessment opportunities

These ECITB qualifications allow for assessment to take place at any time, therefore candidates must discuss any reassessment opportunities with their Approved Centre (College). The Approved Centre (College) must provide opportunities for reassessment within the autumn term of 2020 for any unit where the result was based on a calculated grade.