

Centre Statement

Special Consideration: minimum requirements for enhanced grades reduced to 25%

The move to linear qualifications and recent tragic events have led the awarding organisations to review how enhanced grades are awarded for GCE and GCSE qualifications.

When a candidate has missed a timetabled component/unit for acceptable reasons and the centre is prepared to support an application for special consideration, an adjustment may be made to the terminal grade.

Current minimum requirements for enhanced grading in cases of acceptable absence require candidates to have sat at least 40% of the assessment. **Awarding organisations have decided to lower this percentage to 25%.**

Therefore, candidates who have missed a timetabled component/unit for acceptable reasons and the centre is prepared to support an application for special consideration, the candidate must have taken at least 25% of the assessment for the awarding organisation to consider an enhanced grade.

If a candidate has completed less than 25%, the centre should contact the relevant awarding organisation immediately to receive guidance and support. In rare and extenuating circumstances, awarding organisations have the discretion to make an award.

Further details of enhanced grading can be found in the JCQ document a [Guide to the special consideration process](#)

If you have any questions about this change, please contact your awarding organisation.