

Statements of support from universities in destination countries

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Cambridge International has contacted a large number of universities to gauge their response to Cambridge International's methodology around the awarding of grades for the June 2020 examination series. This is a selection of responses we have received from universities. Some provided links to their websites and some provided direct responses to our recognition managers.

UK

Universities in the UK have indicated that Cambridge International AS & A levels from the June 2020 series will be accepted in the same manner as those from other series, and on an equivalent, grade-for-grade basis as GCE A Levels. For further guidance, please visit the university websites below. Please note this is not an exhaustive list but indicates some universities that have previously been popular with Cambridge International learners.

Statement from Russell Group universities on the 2020 exam grading system

The Russell Group of Universities welcomes the clarity provided by exam regulators and awarding bodies across the UK over how they will grade candidates who would have taken exams in A levels, AS levels, GCSEs, (including their International variants), Scottish Nationals, Highers/Advanced Highers and other qualifications such as the International Baccalaureate Diploma.

Students can rest assured that results provided through these processes will be treated exactly the same as in any other year by our members so learners can still progress to the university and course of their choice, subject to achieving the required grades. Applicants should liaise with individual universities for further guidance on their processes.

University of Cambridge

Cambridge Assessment International Education has published guidance on how their qualifications will be awarded this summer. As with UK/IB qualifications, we will be using these awarded results to confirm places in our normal way - if you meet all of the conditions of your firm offer with us, you will be accepted to the University.

Further information: <https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/coronavirus>

University of Lincoln and University of Sussex

We appreciate that Cambridge International are awarding grades using a different process for the June 2020 series compared to other years. However, we value these in the same way as those achieved in other years and will accept them for entry purposes to our undergraduate courses on an equivalent basis to other Cambridge International achieved grades.

University of Bath

Further information: <https://www.bath.ac.uk/corporate-information/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-undergraduate-applicants/>

University of Birmingham

Further information: <https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/coronavirus/future-students.aspx>

University of Bristol

Further information: <https://www.bristol.ac.uk/students/coronavirus/applicants/>

Cardiff University

Further information: <https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/coronavirus/coronavirus-information-for-prospective-students-and-applicants/information-for-prospective-international-students-during-coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic>

Durham University

Further information: <https://www.dur.ac.uk/coronavirus/faq/applicants/>

University of Edinburgh

Further information: <https://www.ed.ac.uk/news/covid-19/prospective-students>

University of Exeter

Further information: <http://www.exeter.ac.uk/coronavirus/prospectivestudents/#a5>

University of Glasgow

Further information: <https://www.gla.ac.uk/myglasgow/news/coronavirus/faqs/#tab=tab-7>

Imperial College London

Further information: <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/covid-19/>

University of Kent

Further information: <https://www.kent.ac.uk/courses/visit/covid-19>

Kings College London

Further information: <https://www.kcl.ac.uk/coronavirus/prospectivestudents>

Lancaster University

Further information: <https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/coronavirus/>

University of Leeds

Further information: https://www.leeds.ac.uk/info/123000/international_students/802/coronavirus-information_for_applicants_and_offer_holders

University of Liverpool

Further information: <https://news.liverpool.ac.uk/coronavirus-advice-and-guidance/applicants/>

London School of Economics

Very happy to confirm that we will be accepting Cambridge International grades as usual – we will make our confirmation decisions based on the assigned grades

Further information: <http://www.lse.ac.uk/study-at-lse/Undergraduate/Offer-Holder/Information-for-Offer-Holders/Frequently-Asked-Questions>

Newcastle University

Further information: <https://www.ncl.ac.uk/wellbeing/coronavirus-updatedinformation/applicants-future-students/#prospectiveuk>

University of Nottingham

Further information: <https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/coronavirus/applicants/already-applied.aspx>

University of Oxford

Further information: <http://www.ox.ac.uk/students/coronavirus-advice/offer-holders-and-applicants>

Queen Mary University of London

Further information: <https://www.qmul.ac.uk/prospective/coronavirus-applicant-faqs/>

Queen's University Belfast

Further information: <http://www.qub.ac.uk/home/coronavirus-faqs/information-for-offer-holders-and-applicants/>

University of Southampton

Further information: <https://www.southampton.ac.uk/news/coronavirus/applicants.page>

University of St Andrews

Further information: <https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/coronavirus/prospective/>

University of Sheffield

Further information: <https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/coronavirus/faqs/prospective-students>

University of Surrey

Further information: <https://www.surrey.ac.uk/coronavirus/prospective-students>

University College London

Further information: <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/coronavirus/faqs-schools-and-prospective-students>

University of East Anglia

Further information: <https://www.uea.ac.uk/about/media-room/latest-news/statements/covid-19-advice/ap>

University of Warwick

Where grades are officially awarded by exam boards or national governments, we will accept these qualifications as normal. This applies to A levels (including International A levels), GCSEs, IGCSEs, Scottish Highers, BTECs, Cambridge Pre-Us and Cambridge Technicals.

Further information: <https://warwick.ac.uk/insite/coronavirus/future-students/>

University of York

Further information: <https://coronavirus.york.ac.uk/for-prospective-students>

North America (USA and Canada)

USA

Colleges Adjust Requirements and Deadlines in Response to COVID-19

In the face of COVID-19, U.S. colleges and universities are being flexible about course requirements, test scores, deadlines, and credit policies. Most institutions have already made and communicated their admissions decisions to students and do not anticipate making any changes due to a student's inability to sit for exams. Contact admissions offices directly if you have special circumstances or questions about how to meet requirements and deadlines during COVID-19.

Sample statements:

Adelphi University [FAQ](#)

Arizona State University [FAQ](#)

Benington College [FAQ](#)

Boston College [FAQ](#)

Boston University [FAQ](#)

Brandeis University [FAQ](#)

Bryn Mawr [FAQ](#)

Davidson College: Davidson College will accept A-level results/scores as determined by Cambridge for credit, for this incoming class, as they have in the past.

Carleton University [FAQ](#)

Carnegie Mellon [FAQ](#)

College of William and Mary [FAQ](#)

College of Wooster [FAQ](#)

Cornell University [FAQ](#)

Georgia Southern University [FAQ](#)

Georgia Tech [FAQ](#)

Gonzaga University [FAQ](#)

James Madison [FAQ](#)

Marquette University [FAQ](#)

Michigan State University [FAQ](#)

Michigan Tech [FAQ](#)

New York University [FAQ](#)

Northern Arizona University [FAQ](#)

Occidental College [FAQ](#)

Pacific Lutheran University [FAQ](#)

Purdue University [FAQ](#)

Rutgers University [FAQ](#)

Ryerson University (CA) [FAQ](#)

Seattle University [FAQ](#)

Temple University [FAQ](#)

Tulane University [FAQ](#)

University of California system [FAQ](#)

University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign [FAQ](#)

University of La Verne [FAQ](#)

University of New Hampshire [FAQ](#)

University of Pennsylvania [FAQ](#)

University of Richmond [FAQ](#)

University of Rochester [FAQ](#)

University of Southern California [FAQ](#)

University of South Florida [FAQ](#)

University of St. Thomas [FAQ](#)

University of Tennessee-Knoxville [FAQ](#)

University of Washington [FAQ](#)

University of Wisconsin [FAQ](#)

Vanderbilt University [FAQ](#)

Washington State University [FAQ](#)

Canada

Canadian universities are aware that Cambridge International did not run the June examination series due to the COVID-19 pandemic and will be as flexible as possible to ensure that your application is not disadvantaged.

Bishop's University

Bishop's will not penalize students during the admissions process if they present pass/fail or incomplete exams/grades due to the COVID-19 crisis. Additionally, Bishop's will maintain its eligibility policy for advanced credits for students completing A-Levels, International Baccalaureate, French Baccalaureate, or similar curricula that have canceled final exams due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Queen's University

Queen's University will be accepting the revised grades as provided the same way we have in the past.

Further information: <https://www.queensu.ca/admission/conditional-offers-admission>

University of British Columbia

In the case of Cambridge International grades, this means that we will accept the grades you will be awarding to students based on your attached methodology (without the June 2020 exam series) in the same manner as those from previous series

Further information: <https://you.ubc.ca/applying-ubc/admitted/keep-offer/>

University of Ottawa

We will use the grades as in the past for the University of Ottawa.

University of Toronto

We are aware that educational jurisdictions around the world are adjusting their evaluation methods. Rest assured that changes in grading processes or alternative methods of assessment will not negatively affect an offer of admission we have already made.

We will continue to offer transfer credit for some Advanced Level subjects.

Further information: <https://future.utoronto.ca/apply/covid19/>

East Asia

China

The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Yes, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen **will accept** Cambridge International grades from the June 2020 in the same manner as those from previous series.

The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen thanks Cambridge for their efforts to perform the best evaluation of their students under the current circumstances. We will honour all conditional offers made to A Level applicants as presented. These offers will be measured against Cambridge International grades from the June 2020 series. However, all incoming international students will be required to successfully complete a Math Pre-session Course prior to the commencement of the 2020 academic year.

Hong Kong Baptist University

The University will take into consideration the results / grading / certification (or other arrangements) issued by relevant examination authorities or schools, we will extend flexibility to cater for the individual circumstances impacted by the COVID-19. Under normal circumstances, the University will accept Cambridge International grades from the June 2020 series in the same manner as those from the previous series unless there are situations or concerns preventing us from doing so.

Further information: https://admissions.hkbu.edu.hk/uploads/en/news/pdf/Announcement_COVID_19_1.pdf

Japan

Tonhoku University

- We will accept Cambridge International grades from the June 2020 series in the same manner as those from previous series.
- We have no intention to change our admission policy.

Sophia University

For Sophia University, we will continued accepting grades awarded by Cambridge International regardless of the change on the grading session as long as all candidates around the world are graded under the same standard.

International College of Liberal Arts (iCLA) Yamanashi Gakuin University

As long as students receive their final grade certificates from Cambridge International and fulfill their high school graduation requirements, iCLA will accept these as standard.

Sub Saharan Africa

Kenya

Kenya National Qualifications Authority (KNQA)

The KNQA has confirmed that the assessed grades will be recognised and considered for placement at Kenyan institutions.

South Africa

Universities South Africa (USAf)

Cambridge International is working closely with Universities South Africa (USAf) and universities in South Africa to help inform their admission policies.

Malawi

National Council for Higher Education (NCHE) Malawi

The NCHE has confirmed that A Levels and IGCSEs have been accepted in the past and we can assume that the same will apply to the June 2020. This statement will be updated if any information to the contrary is presented to us by the Council.

Zambia

Zambia Qualifications Authority (ZAQA)

The ZAQA has assured us that the validation and evaluation of qualifications will not be affected in any way.

Europe

Germany

The Kultusministerkonferenz or KMK (Standing Conference of the Ministries of Education and Cultural Affairs) has confirmed that, with regard to university entrance in Germany, Cambridge International A levels awarded in the June 2020 series will be evaluated in the same manner as those taken in previous years. Details of entry requirements can be found on *anabin*, the database of the ZAB (Central Office for Foreign Education) at <https://anabin.kmk.org/anabin.html>

[Uni-assist](#), the association responsible for processing and evaluating applications from international students, follows the guidelines set by the ZAB of the KMK. Uni-assist has reassured us that applications from students with June 2020 Cambridge International AS and A Levels will be reviewed in the same way as in previous years. The association bases its evaluation on guidelines set by the ZAB (Central Office for Foreign Education) of the KMK, and is supported by over 180 German universities, including Technische Universität München (TUM), Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (HU Berlin), RWTH Aachen University, Freie Universität Berlin and TU Berlin. Details of all member institutions and their admission criteria can be found on *uni-assist's* website at https://www.uni-assist.de/en/tools/uni-assist-universities/?pk_campaign=356#tablink-37465a393615112c5180111261

Across the region

The universities listed below have endorsed this statement:

We appreciate that Cambridge International are awarding grades for the June 2020 series using alternative assessment methods to those employed in other exam series. However, as June 2020 grades will be of the same value, we will continue to consider applications with Cambridge International qualifications for entry to our undergraduate degree courses in the same manner as we have in previous years.

- **University of Milano-Bicocca – Italy**
Further information: <https://en.unimib.it/> and at <https://en.unimib.it/incoming-students>
- **Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore - Italy**
Further information: <https://www.unicatt.it/> and at <https://international.unicatt.it/>
- **Università di comunicazione e lingue (IULM) – Italy**
Further information: <https://www.iulm.it/en/home/home> and at <https://www.iulm.it/en/offerta-formativa#lauree-triennali>
- **University of Milan - Italy**
Further information: <https://www.unimi.it/en> and at <https://www.unimi.it/en/study/language-proficiency/placement-tests-entry-tests-and-english-courses>
- **Middle East Technical University (ODTÜ) – Turkey**

Further information: <https://iso.metu.edu.tr/> and at <https://iso.metu.edu.tr/en/announcement/important-announcement-level-applicants>

- **Istanbul Bilgi University – Turkey**

Further information: <https://aday.bilgi.edu.tr/> and at <https://www.bilgi.edu.tr/en/international/>

- **Kozminski University – Poland**

Further information: <https://www.kozminski.edu.pl/en/> and at <https://www.kozminski.edu.pl/en/programs/undergraduate-programs-bachelor/>

Netherlands

Universities in the Netherlands, such as Erasmus University Rotterdam, Leiden University and University of Groningen have indicated that grades from the Cambridge International June 2020 series will be accepted for entry purposes in the same manner as those from other series. Typical requirements are a minimum of 3 International A levels but please check with the universities directly for further information.

Southeast Asia & Pacific

Australia

Universities in Australia such as, RMIT, Monash and University of Sydney have formally recognised the new grading methodology for the purpose of admissions. Other universities have given their assurance they will factor these unprecedented circumstances into admissions decisions for both the spring and autumn intakes.

University of New South Wales, Sydney (UNSW)

UNSW Sydney is happy with the information that has been provided, and that given grades will still be awarded on the same grading scale there will be no change to our requirements for students completing Cambridge International A Levels.

RMIT Melbourne

We will accept the predicted grades for Cambridge qualifications for semester 2, 2020 intake into RMIT programs. This will be extended to future intakes if necessary but subject to further approval from the admissions committee.

University of Sydney

University of Sydney will continue to accept grades by Cambridge.

Monash University

Monash University will continue to accept the grades issued by Cambridge

Macquarie University

We have reviewed your grading methodology and satisfied with the explanation. We are happy to accept the Predicted grades followed by your final results while admitting students into our Bachelor degree courses.

Indonesia

Deakin College Jakarta

Deakin College Jakarta campus (DCJ) will continue to support every Cambridge student to enable them to be able to continue their education to their next level.

Malaysia

Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA)

Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA), in a circular dated 13th April, has given its in-principle recognition of Cambridge International grades and examination.

With regard to proof of English competency, MQA's circular indicated that exemptions can be made for applicants submitting O Levels (IGCSE) and A Levels.

International Medical University

IMU will have no problem accepting the A levels result for the May/June graduating cohort.

University of Cyberjaya

We are pleased to provide you assurance that Cambridge O- or A-Level students from the May/June 2020 series will not be affected in our admission decision and this is in line with the guideline given by the MQA.

Pakistan

UET Lahor

UET Lahore admits students based on the equivalence certificate issued by Inter Board Committee of Chairmen (IBCC). If IBCC issues an equivalence certificate to candidates with grades assigned as per the e-mail attachment, we should have no objection.

Islamic International University

It is advised that the University follows the decision of the Higher Education Commission and the Inter Board Chairman Committee for recognition of any degree or certificate program of study.

Kindly take up the matter with appropriate forum accordingly.

BNU

Beaconhouse National University (BNU) will accept any/all grades awarded by the Cambridge Assessment International Education (CAIE) in the June 2020 series in the same manner as those from the previous series on the understanding that the awarded grades in the June 2020 series will be honored by the Inter Board Chairman Committee (IBCC) for the purpose of issuance of an equivalence certificate. The offer of admission will be pursuant to BNU's admission criteria and the decision of the BNU Admissions Committee constituted by the university for Fall 2020 semester.

We hope to remain in touch with CAIE as we move forward. We shall request for further details or information on the processes followed by CAIE for the award of grades in the June 2020 series, if and when required.

FAST

Following are my responses to your queries:

Will you accept Cambridge International awarded grades from the June 2020 series in the same manner as those from previous series?

Yes. NUCES-FAST accepts grades assigned by various examining bodies, including Cambridge International. Cambridge International needs to decide what is acceptable to its students and other stakeholders.

Would you provide a statement of support that can be shared with the Cambridge schools community?

You can use this reply for sharing with your community.

A small number of private candidates may not be able to receive a grade. We do also run a November option for most syllabuses and so some learners may wish to defer assessment until then.

NUCES-FAST accepts applications for admission from candidates who have already taken the exam and are waiting for the result. Therefore, private candidates of A-level exam, who are not being assessed now, shall not qualify to apply for the admissions, which are expected in July 2020.

NED University, Karachi:

1. NED University has decided to offer admission to its First Year Classes based upon the O-level result of the individuals (with its equivalency certificate to be obtained from IBCC) with the condition that the individual is registered or have appeared in three subjects i.e. Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics (Biology for medical group) at A-level.

2. Final equivalency of complete A-level to be issue by IBCC should be at least of 60% as otherwise the admission of the individual will be cancelled.

3. Cambridge may adopt any mechanism to grade the student, we will be looking towards the Equivalency Certificate (mentioning equivalent marks) issued by IBCC as it is the only statutory body of the Country established for this purpose.

IVS, Karachi

IVS will accept all awarded grades as per the Cambridge's policy from the June 2020 series to meet the challenge of the COVID 19 crisis from all applicants for the admission intake for 2021.

Shifa College of Medicine

Yes we will accept Cambridge international awarded grades from the June 2020 series in the same manner as those from previous series.

In our opinion having gone through the curriculum, mode of delivery, selection of teachers by different schools, student body and continuous assessments and objective assessment system with or without examination under the guidelines and supervision of Cambridge University should be sufficient for our university especially keeping in mind the current circumstances prevailing in the entire globe and that would be something which can safeguard the interest of hardworking students and provide a reasonable alternate for the admitting universities.

Latin America

Argentina

Universities in Argentina, including Universidad de San Andrés (UDES), Universidad Católica Argentina (UCA), Universidad del Cema (UCEMA), Instituto Tecnológico de Buenos Aires (ITBA), Universidad Torcuato Di Tella (UTDT), Universidad de Palermo (UP) and Instituto Universitario CEMIC have indicated that grades from the Cambridge International June 2020 series will be accepted for entry purposes in the same manner as those from other series.