

Information for learners completing Design, Engineer, Construct! (DEC) qualifications in summer 2020

- TQUK Level 1 Certificate in Design, Engineer, Construct! The Digital Built Environment (RQF) - 603/1991/4
- TQUK Level 2 Certificate in Design, Engineer, Construct! The Digital Built Environment (RQF) - 603/1992/6
- TQUK Level 3 Certificate in Design, Engineer, Construct! The Digital Built Environment (RQF) - 603/2052/7
- TQUK Level 3 Diploma in Design, Engineer, Construct! The Digital Built Environment (RQF) - 603/1993/8

How results have been calculated

In order to calculate a result for learners this summer, we have designed a process based on the portfolio. The portfolio is the most reliable and complete evidence available to us from all schools and colleges.

The portfolio will have been marked by our assessment team of subject experts. They will have made an overall judgement based on the knowledge and skills which the learner has displayed.

There will need to be enough evidence in the portfolio for our team to have been able to make this judgement. This is known as the **minimum threshold**.

Our assessment team will then have used their expertise to decide that, if accounting for the lost time of teaching and assessment, they would expect the quality of the portfolio to substantially improve. If this is deemed to be the case, an uplift to the portfolio grade will have been applied.

We will then have applied a quality assurance process, considering the results of previous DEC examinations where they have been sat in January, marks provided by schools and colleges as part of the portfolio submission and considered past results and their correlation to this series, in order to produce a final result.

An important note

We are keen to point out a few key details about this method:



- Learners will not receive a lower grade because parts of the portfolio may be incomplete or missing entirely
- Learners will not receive a lower grade if their work is unpolished and contains grammatical errors or is a draft
- Learners do not need to have completed additional work following the school closures in order to receive the grades which they deserve

The appeals process

If you feel that the grade you have received has not been determined correctly, please speak with your school or college, they will be able to appeal on your behalf to check the process for calculating your grade was followed correctly.

Additionally, there is the opportunity for learners to be entered for assessments in the next academic year. Your school or college will be able to advise on how this might work.

The appeals process will work slightly differently this year due to the process followed in determining the grade.

There will be a two stage process. A **clerical check** to determine if the administration behind the grading was carried out correctly, followed by, where requested, a **review of marking** to check that the judgments made were reasonable in determining whether or not the learner met the minimum threshold, and in the marking of the portfolio.

It is important to note that results may go up, down or stay the same as the result of an appeal. As such, written consent from the learner is required before an appeal can be made. Full information on the appeals process for DEC has been provided to schools and colleges.

Further assessment windows and the next academic year (2020/21)

Currently, we are expecting the delivery and assessment of the DEC suite in 2020/21 to return to normal with scheduled submission dates for portfolios and windows in which to take exams.

However, we are aware of discussions that Ofqual, the qualifications regulator, are involved in which may impact on the next academic year. Once we have updates to communicate to schools and colleges about the coming academic year we will provide them with the necessary information.