



Dear Colleagues,

This is the fifth in a series of communications to universities and colleges regarding the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on students completing qualifications with the International Baccalaureate.

On Sunday 22 March 2020 we wrote to universities and colleges to inform them that the May 2020 examinations for the IB Diploma Programme and IB Career-related Programme will **not** be held in any country.

We are now writing to provide you with a series of FAQs that will help clarify information about the results that you will receive for IB candidates who were due to sit their exams in May 2020.

UNIVERSITY FAQs

Will students be awarded a Diploma, numerical grade for each subject, the core and overall?

We will be awarding Diplomas and Certificates for the May 2020 session. At a subject level, students will be awarded a grade on the normal IB 1-7 scale. Theory of Knowledge (TOK), the Extended Essay and the Career-Related Programme Reflective Project will be awarded a grade on the normal IB A-E scale. The DP and CP core will be awarded on the normal IB 0-3 scale. A total points score will be awarded for the Diploma, out of 45 as normal.

On what basis will students be awarded their Diploma or Certificates?

We will award each student a grade for each of their registered subjects using a calculation that takes into account their coursework marks and their predicted grade, as submitted to the IB by their school. For components which usually have exams we will externally mark all coursework that is usually marked by teachers, instead of taking samples and applying moderation.

How will you ensure that the student's work is of appropriate quality to receive the grade?

Coursework, for subjects where students would have been required to sit an exam, will now be externally marked by examiners. We will use our robust quality assurance methods to ensure coursework marks are reliable.

Will the proportion of students receiving each grade and overall score be similar to previous years?

We will aim to maintain the standard from previous years so that there is comparability with previous and future years.

Will the transcript that universities and colleges receive look the same as previous years?

Yes. The transcripts will be in the same format as previous years and we will send transcripts to universities in the same way as previous years.

When will the results be released to universities?

We intend to release results on 5 July 2020, as previously advertised. If this changes we will inform universities and colleges.

Will students be able to appeal their results?

Schools will be able to access the Enquiry Upon Results and Appeals services.

We hope that you find this information useful when considering our applicants and feel able to be compassionate when considering their results given the great levels of emotional distress and disruption that many of our students are likely to have faced this academic year.

Our students, their well-being and their progression in future stages of life continue to be at the forefront of our thinking as we respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We thank you once again for your continued support of our students during these most difficult of circumstances and if you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact us at recognition@ibo.org. Further FAQs on this topic can be found [here](#).

If you have colleagues who would like to receive these communications directly then please encourage them to sign up to the [IB HE Newsletter](#).

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