

Info on IB Results

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How will the results be calculated?

We will be using vast historical assessment data to ensure that we follow a rigorous process of due diligence in what is a truly unprecedented situation. We will be undertaking significant data analysis from previous exam sessions, individual school data, subject data as well as comparative data of schools who have already completed uploading requirements and those who have not. We will require schools to submit the coursework for all candidates.

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Will the IB be awarding diplomas and certificates this year?

Yes.

How will a student be awarded an IB Diploma or Certificate?

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 most components we will externally mark work that is usually marked by teachers, instead of taking samples and applying moderation.

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 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.

*****{UPDATE from Ms. White – IB returned my email asking for clarification about this. Your scores for each course must still add up to 24 to earn your IB Diploma, so you DON'T automatically get an IB Diploma, which actually makes sense.}***

Why have the IA extension dates for submission been removed?

The previously approved extension dates have been retracted because these were issued prior to the cancellation of the May examinations. Now that we know the examinations are cancelled and grades will be awarded based on the coursework outcomes and predicted

grades, we need schools to submit coursework by the original deadlines. With the students and schools no longer having to prepare for the IB exams, those schools who were struggling to balance the need to complete the IAs and prepare for exams will now be able to turn their attention to the IAs. As soon as the IB receives the uploaded work we will be able to start our work on assessment and the delivery of final awards to meet the student needs for progression to university. The examination of every candidate's IAs is new for the IB and we can only guarantee delivery of results in July if we get the student work uploaded by the deadline. The IB still allows schools to apply for extensions as they would under normal conditions.

Is the group 6 deadline the 20 April or 30 April?

The original deadlines apply. For internally assessed (IA) work the deadline is 20 April. For externally assessed coursework the deadline is 30 April. For MYP information please navigate to the MYP section of the FAQ.

Recognition & Universities

Will universities accept the results?

IB will provide university partners with clear information about the assessments that have been conducted during the student's participation in the two years of the DP and CP, and the process by which final marks were determined in this unusual year. We will continue to ensure the validity and the reliability of our assessment protocols.

Each university will be able to make informed decisions as they have done in the past about their IB policies regarding admissions, credit granting, advanced standing, and scholarship awards. Students should consult directly with universities to learn about their policies. Universities will be best prepared to support any IB specific queries you might have after that time.

Will the process of obtaining a transcript change?

The IB is committed to maintaining its current processes in place as much as possible in an unprecedented global situation. The IB will be providing transcripts for IB Diploma, CP certificates and IB course certificates. Governments and universities will receive the information they need to make appropriate decisions.

Will the national or US State government in my area accept this 'version' of the IB?

IB will provide governments with clear information about the assessments that have been conducted during the students' participation in the two years of the DP and CP, and the process by which final marks were determined in this unusual year. We will continue to ensure the validity and the reliability of our assessment protocols. Each entity will then be able to make informed decisions about the use of IB data for accountability and policy development.

How is the IB communicating to universities?

The International Baccalaureate has established a working group, comprised of senior staff, to focus on the challenges that this situation presents to our schools, students and staff. This group will meet regularly to monitor new information from appropriate government agencies and to listen to our IB World Schools community. We have also recently conducted a survey of all IB World Schools in the most impacted countries and are using this information to provide support to our schools. These processes will allow the IB to make decisions at the appropriate juncture and ensure that they are communicated clearly to all stakeholder groups, including universities and colleges. We will continue to monitor the situation extremely carefully and will update you within the next month with further information on our current position and, where applicable, any implications for universities and colleges. If you are a university or institute and have not received any updates, please contact recognition@ibo.org.

Information for universities

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

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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. 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.