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10/02/22	Andorra	Yes, in June 2022.	Students receive the transcripts of each subject detailing the grades per subject and a final grade of the diploma.	There are no consequences for admission to higher education in Andorra for this year's graduates.	Education has been delivered during 2021-22 without major problems.
21/02/22	Australia	All Year 12 students who complete their school education and meet relevant state and territory eligibility requirements will receive a Senior Secondary Certificate of Education in 2022. Generally students will receive their diplomas by the end of 2022.	Year 12 students who complete the Senior Secondary Certificate of Education and meet Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) eligibility requirements in 2022 will receive an ATAR. Each subject will also receive a grade.	Since our previous update in September 2021, there have been no major changes to admission processes in higher education. However, some higher education institutions may make adjustments to their admission requirements.	The delivery of the Senior Secondary Certificate of Education, including decisions relating to modified arrangements, are the responsibility of state and territory education authorities. For more information, please visit the following state and territory education websites, listed below: Australian Capital Territory: www.bsss.act.edu.au New South Wales: https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/ Northern Territory: NTBOS policies and guidelines - Department of Education Queensland: www.qcaa.qld.edu.au South Australia: www.sace.sa.edu.au Tasmania: www.tasc.tas.gov.au Victoria: www.vcaa.vic.edu.au Western Australia: www.scsa.wa.edu.au
15/02/22	Austria	Yes, upper secondary graduates receive a final diploma as usual by the end of June.	No, Austria does not have a GPA system. Grades are awarded in individual subjects only.	No, admission to higher education proceeds as usual.	
24/02/22	Belgium Flemish-speaking Community	Yes, students normally receive their diplomas in June. The legislation states that an evaluation decision has to be taken no later than the 30th of June (this decision can in some cases be postponed until no later than the first day of the next school year).	The Flemish diploma model does not mention any grades or results. In Flanders, evaluation is part of schools' autonomy. Schools decide for themselves how they evaluate students (for example: through exams) and communicate results to students (for example: through percentage scores).	No, there will be no consequences for admission to higher education for this year's graduates.	
24/02/22	Belgium German-speaking Community	Yes, end of June as usual.	Calculated grades in each subject.	No	
24/03/22	Cambridge International GCSE and GCE AS- and A-levels (UK)	Exams will take place in 2022 for International GCSE and International AS/A level. Where exams cannot take place in May/June 2022 due to COVID-19-related government restrictions in a country or region, grades would be based on a portfolio of evidence submitted by the school and marked by the exam board (Cambridge International; Pearson) or using the teacher assessed grade (TAG) approach, similar to that used in May/June 2021 (OxfordAQA).	Grades will be awarded for individual subjects in the usual way.	Admissions to higher education will not be affected. Awarding organisations will manage standards to ensure that grades awarded are comparable whether exams are taken or not.	
16/02/22	Czech Republic	This year's upper secondary graduates will receive a final diploma in accordance with Decree No.177/2009 Coll., on the detailed conditions for completing education in secondary schools by the final examination, as amended. In the spring examination period, the examinations of the profile part of the final examination are held from 16 May to 10 June. After the end of the examinations in the relevant class, the school principal shall forward the results of the examinations to the Centre. Within two working days of the collection of the results of the final examination for each class, the Centre shall make the results available to the headmaster, who shall without undue delay issue a certificate of the final examination to the pupil who has passed both parts of the final examination.	The final diploma, understood as the final report card for the second semester of the final year of education, contains an evaluation of the student's educational performance in the individual subjects taught in the second semester of the 2021/2022 school year.	No	
21/02/22	Denmark	Yes, by the end of June.	Yes, the final diploma has a calculated grade point average.	No	
21/02/22	Estonia	Yes, in June.	No	No	Regular requirements for graduation shall apply.
22/02/22	Finland	Yes, they will. In the end of May, early June, when the spring term ends, according to the schedules decided by individual cities and communities.	No, this is not the case with secondary education diplomas in Finland.	No	Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have further questions.
25/02/22	France	yes, the final results will be published on July. The final diploma are expected to be issued around October.	The final diploma is awarded on the basis of a calculated grade point average. For information, the candidate needs to obtain 10 out of 20. 40% of this final average is based on a continuous assessment and 60% on a final examination.	There are no consequences. The admission process is still the same via the Parcoursup application.	
14/02/22	Georgia	From June 2022.	No	No	No
16/02/22	Germany	Yes. This year's upper secondary graduates will receive their final diploma, the "Zeugnis der allgemeinen Hochschulreife" / "Abitur" at the end of the school year of each Federal State (Bundesland).	The final diploma is not different from the diplomas of previous years. It specifies the achieved number of points for each subject and the overall points obtained with a calculated grade point average.	No, there are no consequences for admission to higher education in Germany.	

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24/02/22	Hungary	Secondary school leaving examinations are not planned to be altered this year due to Covid-19. Under current plans secondary school leaving examinations will be organised the same way as in 2019 and before. Upper secondary graduates will receive their secondary school leaving certificate (i.e. "érettségi bizonyítvány") in June.	Graduates will be awarded grades in each subject they set for the secondary school leaving examinations and these grades will be indicated in the secondary school leaving certificate. GPA is not calculated in Hungary.	Having pointed it out before, currently secondary school leaving examinations are not planned to be altered this year due to Covid-19. As a rule, admission to higher education is predominantly based on the results of the Hungarian secondary school leaving examinations, it will be the case this year as well.	
24/02/22	Iceland	Yes, at the usual graduation ceremony.	Different from school to school, some schools show calculated average grades, other don't. It was the same before COVID-19.	No, admission to higher education is the same as before.	
06/04/22	International Baccalaureate Organization	Yes, students will receive a diploma. Most students in the May 2022 session are expected to complete the adapted assessment model of coursework and examinations, while the remaining students will be awarded grades through the non-exam contingency. In order to be fair to both groups of students, it is vital that awarding of grades does not privilege one group over the other. The following principles are guiding the IB approach to awarding in May 2022: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is fair for students to receive a grade even if exams cannot be taken because of COVID 19. • It is fair to give students the same certificate as if they had taken examinations because an alternative certificate may be treated less favorably by universities. • It is unfair if one group of students (those with exams or those on the non-exam contingency) is systematically advantaged over the other group of students because all will be receiving the same certificate. • The grading standard applied to the exam route and the non-exam contingency will be halfway between that of May 2019 and May 2021. 	In terms of grades, students will receive a final grade based on their examination. However for predicted grades The IB has provided predicted grade distributions for schools to use alongside the IB grade descriptors and each student's body of work when teachers determine predicted grades for their students, before submitting them to the IB. If a teacher needs to exceed the distribution, they can do so without submitting an exception request. Please note where distributions are exceeded the IB may request additional evidence to support that prediction as part of quality assurance ahead of release of results.	Awarding grades for non-exam route: The non-exam contingency represents a best endeavor for awarding of grades in exceptional circumstances. Although it is impossible to perfectly reflect what students would have achieved in examinations without those examinations being taken, in the absence of actual exam scores, the IB will model what a student would have achieved on an "normal" exam day using their teacher's predicted grade and combine this with the student's coursework mark to arrive at an overall grade.	Most schools will do the exam route, this is important to note, but there are still exceptions and contingency plans in place.
04/03/22	Ireland	Yes. A transcript of results issues in the ordinary way in mid-August. Formal certification follows in due course.	Neither. The arrangements for 2022 provide that candidates sit examinations which are assessed in the ordinary way.	The decision to proceed with examinations in the ordinary was taken by the Minister following intensive consultation with stakeholders including higher education institutions. The Department of Education will be working closely with the State Examinations Commission with a view to ensuring that the results of the examinations are available in time to meet the needs of students and stakeholders.	Additional and detailed information, including in relation to adjustments to the individual structure of examinations, may be found at the links below: gov.ie - Minister Foley confirms arrangements for State Examinations 2022 (www.gov.ie) - https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/4ac43-minister-foley-confirms-arrangements-for-state-examinations-2022/ Examination Information - State Examination Commission (examinations.ie) - https://www.examinations.ie/?l=en&mc=ex&sc=aa EN-EX-22888090.pdf (examinations.ie) - https://www.examinations.ie/misc-doc/EN-EX-22888090.pdf
22/03/22	Italy	Yes. The final upper secondary school state examination will start on June 22nd, 2022. There will be no substantial changes in the general timing of the final state exam compared to the years previous to 2019/2020 (2020/2021, due to the COVID pandemic, consisted of a single oral exam lasting 1 hour), and there will be no changes in the final qualification awarded (the "Diploma di Esame di Stato conclusivo dei corsi di istruzione secondaria superiore", commonly known in Italy as "Diploma di Maturità").	The overall mark and the minimum overall mark to pass the examination are not changed while different scores are given to the first and second written exams and to the oral exam with respect to 2019. See in the section "Other comments" the detailed explanation of how the final mark will be calculated.	No. The final upper secondary school state examination will take place, the general timing will be the same as previous years, the grading scale will remain the same as usual, and the final qualifications awarded will be the same.	The Italian Ministry of Education issued a Ministerial Ordinance, dated Monday, March 14th, 2022, determining the following: 1. The final upper secondary school state examination will start on June 22nd, 2022, at 08:30, with the first written exam, lasting 6 hours, that measures proficiency in and usage of the Italian language. This will be followed by the second written exam on June 23rd, of variable length, depending on the subjects being examined. It will test the candidate on the principal subjects studied during the upper secondary school scholastic path. An oral examination follows, upon completion of the written components of the examination, that is of variable length and tests the candidate's ability to present a topic, to discuss work/study-related matters and to demonstrate knowledge of the Italian Constitution. 2. Candidates will therefore sit a total of two written and one oral examinations. 3. The Examining Board will be composed of 13 members: 2 sub-Boards of 6 teachers each, nominated from the Class Council and an external President. Each Examining Board will assess up to 5 candidates per day. 4. The overall mark will be expressed in points out of 100 corresponding to the sum of the following partial scores: a) up to 50 points for school credits: these are the total marks awarded by the Class Council with reference to the results attained over the last three years of the scholastic path: up to 25 points for the combined 3rd and 4th years and up to 25 points for the final year and b) up to 15 points for the 1st written examination, up to 10 points for the 2nd written examination and up to 25 points for the oral exam. The minimum overall mark to pass the final upper secondary school State Examination is 60 out of 100. Kindly find here the following relevant link (in Italian): https://www.miur.gov.it/web/guest/-/scuola-firmate-le-ordinanze-con-le-modalita-di-svolgimento-degli-esami-del-primo-e-del-secondo-ciclo-bianchi-sono-frutto-del-confronto-e-della-condivi
14/02/22	Latvia	Yes, as usually in July.	No	No	
11/02/22	Liechtenstein	Yes, July 2022.	Both, a calculated grade point average and calculated grades in each subject.	No	

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11/02/22	Lithuania	Yes, they will receive Brandos atestatas. The issuing date is about the end of July-beginning of August of 2022. The main examination period is set for 20th of April - 23rd of June and additional session period for 27th of June - 12th of July. All the examination results should be known up to the last week of July.	Brandos atestatas includes grades for subjects and results of state examination.	No. Main admission to higher education institutions is going to be organized in 1st of June - 25th of July period.	
28/02/22	Luxembourg	Yes, the final diploma will be delivered during the same period as the previous years (end of June, first week of July).	No changes are made regarding the calculation of the grades in comparison to previous (pre-COVID) years. The 15% reduction of the exam programme as implemented during the last school year 2020-21 is due to be scrapped in favour of a return to the full exam programme.	No, as for higher education offered in Luxembourg, there will be no consequences for admission.	
15/02/22	Moldova	Yes. 6-7 July - First Session, 1-2 August - Second Session.	The final diploma has calculated GPA for final exams and calculated GPA for each subject, as well.	No, there aren't any consequences for admission to higher education for 2022 graduates.	
24/02/22	The Netherlands	Yes, mostly in July. In the Netherlands, final exams in secondary education consists of two parts. The first part are exams organised by the schools (schoolexamen). The national exams (centraal examen) form the second part. For 2022, the first two rounds of national exams will be held in the period mid-May - early June. For those who need to resit an exam, a third round will take place in the first half of July for regular secondary school students and in August for those who resit a state exam.	The diploma will list final grades for each subject.	No	Students have the possibility to retake 2 subjects (havo/vwo) and exclude the grade of 1 non-core subject for the exam results. Core subjects are Dutch, English and Math.
24/02/22	New Zealand	Yes, the National Certificates of Educational Achievement (NCEA) for 2022 will be awarded as usual in January 2023.	At this time (as the school year in New Zealand has only just started) it is too soon to know. If there are calculated grades required, they will likely be calculated on the same basis as learning recognition credits were calculated in 2020 and 2021. https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/understanding-ncea/changes-to-ncea-and-ue-for-2021/	No	
25/02/22	Norway	Yes, upper secondary graduates will receive a final diploma as usual, as was the case in 2020 and 2021. Diplomas will be issued in the end of June.	N/A: Norwegian Upper Secondary School Diploma contains only subjects and grades, no calculated GPA.	Admission to higher education did proceed as usual in 2020 and 2021, and is expected to proceed as usual in 2022.	Upper secondary final examinations cancelled due to COVID-19: - 2020: all written, oral and practical examinations cancelled. - 2021: written and oral examinations cancelled. - 2022: Government recommends that written examinations be cancelled, decision pending as of February 2022.
21/02/22	Poland	Yes, those who pass the exam in May / June obtain the maturity certificate on 5th July 2022, those who pass the exam during the retake session obtain the certificate on 9th September 2022.	There will be information on grades for results in each subject taken by the graduate during the maturity exam. Similarly like in last year oraz exams will not be obligatory.	No	
16/02/22	Romania	Upper secondary graduates receive initially a provisional certificate in early July and in the following months the final diploma.	The provisional certificate and the final diploma have grades for each exam and the final average.	Graduates who pass the baccalaureate exam can apply to higher education programmes.	
25/02/22	San Marino	Yes, in July.	Calculated grade point average.	No	This year, the school leaving exams will return to be standard, as in pre-covid conditions.
25/02/22	Slovak Republic	Yes, the final diploma is expected to be issued in the regular dates, until the end of May.	The final diploma will include the final grades for each subject, as usual.	Requirements for the admission are unchanged. The mandatory requirement is still the secondary school leaving certificate (Vysvedčenie o maturitnej skúške).	The final (maturita) examinations are planned to proceed as usual this year.
24/02/22	Slovenia	Upper secondary graduates will receive a final diploma in Republic of Slovenia on 11.7.2022 (school leaving certificate of completed Matura). Students also receive a final year certificate (completed final year of upper secondary education) on 23.5.2022.	On the final year certificate there is an overall grade of studies, but on the final diploma (school leaving certificate of completed Matura), there is calculated grade in each subject and also a sum of calculated grade points.	Every student, who will complete Matura this year, will be eligible for admission to higher education studies in the Republic of Slovenia.	No
14/02/22	Sweden	Yes, as normal in mid-June.	No, Swedish diplomas never has a calculated grade point average on them.	No, there will not be any consequences for the applicants this year.	
10/02/22	Switzerland	By the end of June.	Calculated grades in each subject.	No	
11/02/22	Turkey	June 17, 2022.	The calculated grade point average will be included in both the diploma and the transcript.	No	

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19/04/22	Ukraine	<p>Certificates of the General Secondary Education will be issued in Ukraine this year without the results of the State Final Attestation. State Final Attestation (Державна підсумкова атестація ДПА) was cancelled.</p> <p>Regulation documents for this: There is law of Ukraine on changes to the laws in the sphere of education which will come into force on the 01.05.2022 at the link if needed https://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/2157-20#Text. Point 3 speaks about the cancelling of the SFA for 11th grade.</p>	<p>Certificates of Complete General Secondary Education usually have grades in each subject and final examination (State Final Attestation) results. Sometimes the Certificates may include Grade Point Average (it depends on a school).</p>	<p>Admission to higher education procedure - the External Independent Evaluation (Зовнішнє незалежне оцінювання - ЗНО) will be conducted for those who would like to pursue higher education in Ukraine (except the art specialties and some others). It will be different from the previous years. There is no final information on how exactly it will be conducted, but it should be available for all Ukrainian students including those living abroad. Three subjects should be combined in one National multisubject 90 minut test: Ukrainian language, Math and History of Ukraine. For the arts specialties there will be special admission tests on art and creativity skills carried out instead of the EIE.</p>	
23/02/22	United Kingdom	<p>Yes, they will receive certificates as usual. AS and A level results will be issued to students on 18th August in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. In Scotland, Higher and Advanced Higher results will be issued on 9th August.</p>	<p>Students are awarded a grade for each subject; no overall grade point average is recorded. It is planned that examinations will go ahead this year.</p>	<p>Admission to higher education will not be affected.</p>	
24/03/22	United Kingdom GCSE and GCE A- level UK	<p>In September 2021, the government announced that it was expected that exams and assessments for GCSE, AS and A levels regulated by Ofqual will take place in summer 2022. Awarding organisations released advance information on the focus of the content of summer 2022 exams in the majority of subjects at GCSE, AS and A level in January 2022. This is intended to support students' revision and enable teachers to plan to adapt their teaching in the second half of the spring term, if necessary, in the context of the coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic which has disrupted the education of students sitting exams in summer 2022.</p> <p>AS and A level results will be released on 18th August 2022. GCSE results will be released on 25th August 2022.</p>	<p>Grades will be awarded for individual subjects in the usual way.</p>	<p>Admissions to higher education will go ahead as usual.</p> <p>Following two years of higher grades due to the changes to assessment during the pandemic, measures are being taken to return to pre-pandemic grade distributions. Details of the grading approach taken by Ofqual for 2021-22 can be found here: https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/ofqual-approach-to-grading-exams-and-assessments-in-summer-2022-and-autumn-2021</p>	