

GCSE Maths in Wales

There are two GCSE maths qualifications in Wales – GCSE Mathematics and GCSE Mathematics-Numeracy.

So, what is the difference between the two?

- **GCSE Mathematics-Numeracy** assesses the mathematics that learners will need in their everyday lives, in the world of work, and in other general curriculum areas.
- **GCSE Mathematics** assesses aspects of mathematics such as algebra, geometry and probability that are needed for progression to scientific, technical or further mathematical study.

Each qualification provides a reliable measure of a student's general mathematical understanding and ability to use different mathematical techniques.

Which qualification do universities require?



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Many university courses typically require a minimum of a grade C in Mathematics at GCSE level.

A grade C in either GCSE Mathematics or GCSE Mathematics-Numeracy meets this requirement as both qualifications provide assurance of mathematical skills and techniques.

University courses with a specific mathematical, technical or scientific focus, such as those in Science, Engineering and Mathematics, may require the GCSE Mathematics qualification.

Further information about the new GCSE maths exams in Wales can be found on the [Qualifications Wales](#) and [WJEC](#) websites.