

Tá sé socraithe agam go gcuirfeair an t-eolas a iarradh i Leabharlann an Tionóil.

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Dominic Bradley MLA has asked:

To ask the Minister of Education, for each of the last three years, to detail (i) the number of applications received for remarking of (a) GCSEs; and (b) GCE AS Levels; (ii) the number which resulted in an upgrade; and (iii) the number which did not result in an upgrade, including the grade before and after the remark, broken down by subject.

Sonraíonn na táblaí thíos na hiarratais a fuarthas le haghaidh tráchtanna ag leibhéal GCSE agus GCE AS agus fothorthaí na n-iarratas seo.

The tables below detail the applications received for remarks at GCSE and GCE AS levels and the outcomes of these applications. These figures are only available for examinations provided by the Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment (CCEA).

CCEA is the main awarding body for the north of Ireland. It currently has 70.5% of the market share at AS level and 65.2% at GCSE. Other awarding bodies offering AS level and GCSE qualifications here have a much smaller share of the market. Although these bodies each hold data on remarks, data specific to the north of Ireland is not currently available.

Whilst CCEA offers a small number of AS level and GCSE qualifications in England and Wales, the statistics detailed in the tables below provide a reliable indicator of the trend in remarking and grade changes across examination centres here.

In 2010 GCSE remark applications amounted to 2.71% of GCSE subject entries, while AS level remark applications amounted to 1.96% of AS level unit entries.

Table (i) Number of applications received at unit level for remarking by CCEA

| Year | Number of Applications (unit) | |
|------|-------------------------------|------|
| | GCSE | AS |
| 2008 | 4131 | 1212 |
| 2009 | 3669 | 1432 |
| 2010 | 4751 | 1556 |

Table (ii) Number of subject upgrades awarded by CCEA

| Year | Number of Upgrades (subject) | |
|------|------------------------------|-----|
| | GCSE | AS |
| 2008 | 879 | 118 |
| 2009 | 632 | 214 |
| 2010 | 869 | 166 |

Table (iii) Number of subject grades which did not receive an upgrade by CCEA

| Year | Number of grades which did not increase | |
|------|---|-----|
| | GCSE | AS |
| 2008 | 3262 | 481 |
| 2009 | 2612 | 712 |
| 2010 | 3169 | 776 |

Notes:

- In table (i) the numbers refer to the total number of remark applications received at unit level by CCEA. For unitised subjects, a subject outcome (i.e. the grade awarded) consists of the aggregation of marks from units taken.

- b. Tables (ii) and (iii) refer to subject outcomes. These may result from an enquiry about more than one unit. Upgrades are reported at subject level where the overall grade has increased.
- c. At AS level a grade consists of the aggregation of marks from more than one unit, and a student may ask for a number of units to be remarked. As most GCSEs are not modular, GCSE remarks are usually at subject level.

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|-----------------------------------|-------------|------------|------------|----------|----------|------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Mathematics | 9 | 2 | 1 | | | 4 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Modular Mathematics | 36 | 8 | 13 | | | 2 | 13 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Motor Vehicle & Road User Studies | 5 | | | | | | 5 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Music | 9 | 2 | 6 | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Physical Education | 9 | 1 | 2 | | | 3 | 3 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Physics | 17 | 10 | 3 | | | 1 | 3 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Religious Studies | 72 | 16 | 21 | | | 13 | 19 | 2 | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Religious Studies Short Course | 15 | 5 | 1 | | | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| Science DA Modular | 12 | 5 | 5 | | | | 2 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Science DA Non Modular | 24 | 5 | 12 | | | 4 | 3 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Spanish | 3 | 1 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Technology and Design | 26 | 10 | 5 | | | 9 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 924* | 269 | 302 | 1 | 1 | 140 | 195 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

*922 upgrades, 2 downgrades

Table (v): GCSE 2009 - Grade changes as a result of remarks

| | Breakdown of grade changes: Summer 2009 Remarks | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|-------------------|------------|------------|--|
| | | No of change types | | | | | | | | |
| | | Upgrades | | | | | Downgrades | | | |
| Subject | Changes following Remarks | A - A* | B - A | C - B | D - C | E-D | F-E | B-C | E-U | |
| Additional Mathematics | 24 | 10 | 10 | 3 | 1 | | | | | |
| Biology | 24 | 10 | 10 | 1 | 3 | | | | | |
| Business Studies | 17 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 4 | | | | | |
| Chemistry | 12 | 4 | 6 | 2 | | | | | | |
| Child Development | 4 | 3 | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Construction | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Drama | 11 | 6 | 4 | 1 | | | | | | |
| Economics | 3 | | | 2 | 1 | | | | | |
| English | 177 | 27 | 46 | 40 | 63 | 1 | | | | |
| English Literature | 101 | 28 | 38 | 25 | 9 | | | 1 | | |
| French | 21 | 10 | 6 | 2 | 3 | | | | | |
| Gaeilge | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Geography | 51 | 15 | 20 | 11 | 5 | | | | | |
| German | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| History | 42 | 12 | 16 | 8 | 6 | | | | | |
| Home Economics | 12 | 3 | 8 | 1 | | | | | | |
| ICT | 16 | 7 | 5 | | 4 | | | | | |
| ICT Short course | 5 | 3 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | |
| Irish | 12 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 2 | | | | | |
| Journalism | 4 | 1 | 2 | | 1 | | | | | |
| Learning for Life and Work | 7 | 2 | 3 | 2 | | | | | | |
| Mathematics | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | |
| Modular Mathematics | 25 | 9 | 5 | 5 | 6 | | | | | |
| Motor Vehicle & Road User Studies | 1 | | | | 1 | | | | | |
| Music | 6 | 3 | | 2 | 1 | | | | | |
| Physical Education | 6 | | 2 | 2 | 2 | | | | | |
| Physics | 15 | 6 | 8 | | 1 | | | | | |
| Religious Studies | 22 | 9 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 1 | | | 1 | |
| Religious Studies Short Course | 10 | 3 | 3 | 2 | | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Science DA Modular | 8 | 1 | 5 | | 2 | | | | | |
| Science DA Non Modular | 17 | 5 | 8 | 3 | 1 | | | | | |
| Spanish | 2 | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | |
| Technology and Design | 10 | | 3 | 2 | 5 | | | | | |

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|-------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|---|---|---|
| Total | 671* | 184 | 234 | 122 | 125 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
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*669 upgrades, 2 downgrades

Table (vi): GCSE 2010 - Grade changes as a result of remarks

| Subject | Changes following Re-remarks | Breakdown of grade changes: Summer 2010 Re-remarks | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|--|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | No of change types | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Upgrades | | | | | | Downgrades | | | | | |
| | | A - A* | B - A | C - B | D - C | E-C | E - D | F-E | F-C | G-E | B-C | C-D | D-F |
| Additional Mathematics | 38 | 21 | 6 | 6 | 4 | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Biology | 45 | 18 | 15 | 8 | 4 | | | | | | | | |
| Business Studies | 23 | 10 | 4 | 8 | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| Chemistry | 14 | 5 | 5 | 4 | | | | | | | | | |
| Child Development | 9 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Construction | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Drama | 11 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| Economics | 4 | 3 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| English | 202 | 29 | 47 | 53 | 69 | | 4 | | | | | | |
| English Literature | 154 | 52 | 48 | 41 | 11 | | | | | | 1 | 1 | |
| French | 28 | 15 | 7 | 1 | 5 | | | | | | | | |
| Gaeilge | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Geography | 56 | 26 | 18 | 6 | 5 | | 1 | | | | | | |
| German | 3 | | 1 | 2 | | | | | | | | | |
| History | 63 | 24 | 30 | 3 | 6 | | | | | | | | |
| Home Economics | 19 | 7 | 10 | 2 | | | | | | | | | |
| ICT | 35 | 10 | 15 | 4 | 6 | | | | | | | | |
| ICT Short course | 8 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| Irish | 5 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| Journalism | 2 | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| Learning for Life and Work | 10 | 6 | 3 | | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| Mathematics | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Modular Mathematics | 42 | 11 | 19 | 3 | 9 | | | | | | | | |
| Motor Vehicle & Road User Studies | 2 | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| Music | 17 | 10 | 6 | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| Physical Education | 14 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | | | | | | | |
| Physics | 10 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| Religious Studies | 40 | 9 | 11 | 10 | 8 | | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| Religious Studies Short Course | 13 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | 1 |

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|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Science DA Modular | 19 | 5 | 8 | 4 | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| Science DA Non Modular | 23 | 5 | 9 | 7 | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| Spanish | 6 | 3 | 3 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Technology and Design | 10 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 925 | 293 | 291 | 179 | 147 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

*922 upgrades, 3 downgrades

Table (vii): AS 2008 - Grade changes as a result of remarks

| | Breakdown of grade changes: Summer 2008 Remarks | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|--|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| | | No of change types | | | | | | | | |
| | | Upgrades | | | | | Downgrades | | | |
| Subject | Changes following Remarks | B - A | C - B | D - C | E - D | U - E | A-B | B - C | C - D | D-E |
| Applied Business | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Biology | 8 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | | | | | |
| Business Studies | 9 | 6 | 2 | 1 | | | | | | |
| Chemistry | 3 | 2 | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Economics | 5 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| English Literature | 23 | 12 | 9 | 2 | | | | | | |
| French | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | |
| Geography | 7 | 6 | | | | 1 | | | | |
| History | 27 | 18 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| Home Economics | 9 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | | | | | |
| ICT | 3 | 1 | 2 | | | | | | | |
| Mathematics | 3 | 2 | | | 1 | | | | | |
| Music | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | |
| Physics | 3 | 3 | | | | | | | | |
| Religious Studies | 7 | 6 | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Spanish | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Technology and Design | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | |
| | 118 | 67 | 29 | 15 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

*118 upgrades, no downgrades

Table (viii): AS 2009 - Grade changes as a result of remarks

| | Breakdown of grade changes: Summer 2009 Remarks | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|--|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| | | No of change types | | | | | | | | |
| | | Upgrades | | | | | Downgrades | | | |
| Subject | Changes following Remarks | B - A | C - B | D - C | E - D | U - E | A-B | B - C | C - D | D-E |
| Biology | 26 | 11 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | | | | 1 |
| Business Studies | 21 | 10 | 8 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | |
| Chemistry | 20 | 9 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 1 | | | | |
| Economics | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | |
| English Literature | 41 | 19 | 16 | 5 | | | | 1 | | |
| French | 8 | 5 | 2 | 1 | | | | | | |
| Geography | 12 | 10 | 2 | | | | | | | |
| German | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| Government and Politics | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| History | 37 | 22 | 10 | 4 | 1 | | | | | |
| History of Art & Design | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| Home Economics | 15 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 1 | | | | 1 | |
| ICT | 2 | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | |
| Mathematics | 6 | 3 | 2 | | | 1 | | | | |
| Moving Image Arts | 4 | 3 | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Music | 5 | 4 | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Physics | 3 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | |
| Religious Studies | 9 | 7 | 2 | | | | | | | |
| Spanish | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Technology and Design | 4 | 2 | 2 | | | | | | | |
| Total | 221* | 116 | 64 | 23 | 10 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

*218 upgrades, 3 downgrades

Table (ix): AS 2010 - Grade changes as a result of remarks

| | Breakdown of grade changes: Summer 2010 Remarks | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|------------|
| | | No of change types | | | | | | |
| | | Upgrades | | | | | Downgrades | |
| Subject | Changes following Remarks | B - A | C-A | C - B | D - C | E - D | B - C | D-E |
| Applied Business S.A. | 1 | 1 | | | | | | |
| Applied Health & Social Care S.A. | 1 | 1 | | | | | | |
| Biology | 22 | 8 | | 9 | 3 | 2 | | |
| Business Studies | 14 | 8 | | 2 | 4 | | | |
| Chemistry | 3 | 2 | | 1 | | | | |
| Economics | 8 | 1 | | 4 | 1 | 2 | | |
| English Literature | 31 | 15 | 1 | 9 | 4 | | 1 | 1 |
| French | 16 | 7 | | 4 | 5 | | | |
| Geography | 11 | 8 | | 2 | 1 | | | |
| Government and Politics | 3 | 3 | | | | | | |
| History | 28 | 18 | | 6 | 2 | 2 | | |
| History of Art & Design | 2 | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| Home Economics | 5 | 3 | | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Irish | 1 | 1 | | | | | | |
| ICT | 2 | 1 | | 1 | | | | |
| Mathematics | 1 | 1 | | | | | | |
| Music | 8 | 5 | | 3 | | | | |
| Physics | 2 | | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Religious Studies | 5 | 4 | | | 1 | | | |
| Spanish | 5 | 2 | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | |
| Technology and Design | 1 | 1 | | | | | | |
| Total | 170* | 91 | 2 | 43 | 24 | 6 | 2 | 2 |

*166 upgrades, 4 downgrades

Note:

In some cases there is a difference in figures between the breakdown by subject and those contained in tables (i), (ii) and (iii). This is due to some remarks and changes resulting from school/centre queries following the end of the normal period for enquiries about results.