

Carrying forward within the portfolio of evidence route

We realise that many of you have questions about carrying forward marks within the portfolio of evidence route.

You can find information in this document about:

- [Carrying forward non-exam assessments](#). This includes information about carrying forward marks for coursework and speaking tests.
- [Carrying forward Cambridge International AS Level to A Level](#). This is known as the 'staged route' to Cambridge International A Level. Here we explain our approach to carrying forward marks and grades for our different assessment approaches (exams, school-assessed grades, portfolios of evidence).

Carrying forward non-exam assessments

✘ Non-exam assessments include coursework and speaking tests. When using the portfolio of evidence route to grades, it is not possible to carry forward any marks from non-exam assessments which we have previously awarded (e.g. coursework marks we awarded in the June 2021 series).

✓ You can submit candidates' work for us to mark as part of their portfolio of evidence if we have not previously marked or moderated it and it has not already been used as evidence to support a school-assessed grade.

You must keep any work prepared for a previous series secure and the candidate must not have any opportunity to change it. It must also meet the current syllabus requirements.

You must make sure you follow the guidance for non-exam assessments (see section 3.4 of the *Cambridge Handbook*).

Carrying forward Cambridge International AS Level to A Level

Many of you have questions about carrying forward from Cambridge International AS Level to A Level, and we appreciate the options available can be complex. The information in the sections below will help you to understand the carry-forward choices available for portfolios of evidence.

You can find information about:

- [How staged assessment works for portfolios of evidence](#)
- [What entry details you need to provide](#)
- [Content coverage requirements](#)
- [Percentage Uniform Marks](#)

How staged assessment works for portfolios of evidence

Overview

Candidates who are entered for a staged assessment option in the exam route will be switched to the staged assessment option for portfolios of evidence. The portfolio of evidence staged assessment option (entry option P3) consists of two components for all subjects¹:

- Component 80 – AS Level credit carried forward
- Component 60 – A2 Level portfolio of evidence.

We will select the candidate's **best available** valid AS Level credit for component 80 and carry this forward to combine with the A2 evidence you submit in the current series. By AS Level credit we mean marks achieved in Cambridge International AS Level exams or an AS Level school-assessed grade. This is different from the exam route where there are separate options for 'March carry-forward', 'June carry-forward' and 'November carry-forward'.

For example, in the exam route, a candidate entered for a 'June carry-forward' option can only carry forward their AS Level credit from the previous June series. In the portfolio of evidence, if the candidate also has AS Level credit from the previous November series, we will carry forward the better of the two AS Level credits. We explain how we will do this below in the section '[How will you determine the best available AS Level credit to carry forward?](#)'.

It is vital that you provide candidates' previous entry details correctly when you make the entries, to make sure each candidate's best AS Level credit is identified and carried forward.

How will you determine the best available AS Level credit to carry forward?

We will identify the candidate's previous AS Level marks and/or grades ('AS Level credit') from all eligible series by using the previous centre number and candidate number you provided when you made your exam entries. There is more information about this in the section '[What entry details you need to provide](#)'. It is vital that you provide these details correctly, to make sure the candidate's best AS Level credit is carried forward.

We will accept the types of AS Level credit below to carry forward from a previous series.

	Exam marks	School-assessed grade
AS Level	✓	✓
A Level (linear)	✓	✗ If a candidate has a school-assessed grade for a full A Level in a previous series, it is not possible to carry forward any credit from this A Level into a future series. This is because school-assessed grades have no independent AS Level component.

Candidates will also be able to carry forward an AS Level portfolio of evidence from the June 2022 series to complete their A Level in a future series, e.g. the June 2023 series.

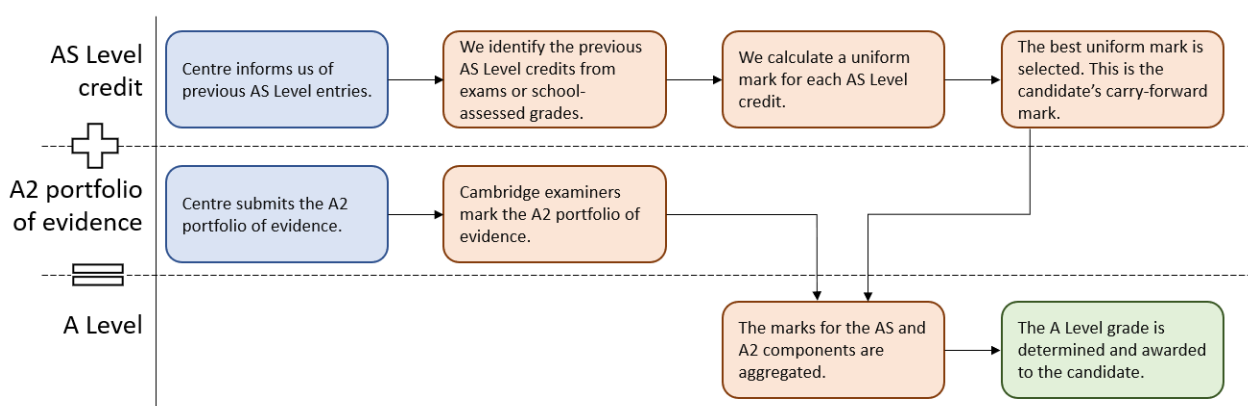
¹ The exceptions are 9709 Mathematics and 9231 Further Mathematics. These follow the same principles but have additional entry options available and different component codes to account for the different possible options (mechanics and statistics) available for these syllabuses.

Note that our [usual rules](#) about carrying forward still apply. For example, this means:

- AS Level credit can only be carried forward from a series within the previous 13 months
- carry forward from a March series to a June series is not permitted
- where a syllabus has been updated or changed code, carry forward is only permitted if this is explicitly stated in the most recent syllabus.

We will convert each AS Level credit for a candidate into a uniform mark. This allows us to compare marks from different series and from different routes fairly. It means that we will take account of the fact that grade thresholds are not always the same in each series. Therefore, the same exam mark may represent a higher grade in one series compared to another series. If a candidate's AS Level credit is from a school-assessed grade we will convert this grade to an equivalent mid-grade uniform mark.

We will use the best uniform mark as the AS Level credit which we carry forward to determine the candidate's A Level grade. The process is summarised below.



The table below gives examples of how the total mark will be determined for candidates submitting their A2 portfolio of evidence in the June 2022 series where the candidates have different AS Level credit.

Example	Previous series AS Level credit		How the A Level total mark is determined
	June 2021	November 2021	
Candidate 1	Exam	–	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The June 2021 exam mark is converted into a uniform mark. • This is combined with the mark for the June 2022 A2 portfolio of evidence. • This gives the total mark for the A Level.
Candidate 2	–	Exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The November 2021 exam mark is converted into a uniform mark. • This is combined with the mark for the June 2022 A2 portfolio of evidence. • This gives the total mark for the A Level.
Candidate 3	Exam	Exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The June 2021 exam mark is converted into a uniform mark. • The November 2021 exam mark is converted into a uniform mark. • The better of the two uniform marks is combined with the mark for the June 2022 A2 portfolio of evidence. • This gives the total mark for the A Level.
Candidate 4	School-assessed grade	–	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The June 2021 school-assessed grade is converted into a uniform mark. • This is combined with the mark for the June 2022 A2 portfolio of evidence. • This gives the total mark for the A Level.
Candidate 5	–	School-assessed grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The November 2021 school-assessed grade is converted into a uniform mark. • This is combined with the mark for the June 2022 A2 portfolio of evidence. • This gives the total mark for the A Level.
Candidate 6	School-assessed grade	School-assessed grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The June 2021 school-assessed grade is converted into a uniform mark. • The November 2021 school-assessed grade is converted into a uniform mark. • The better of the two uniform marks is combined with the mark for the June 2022 A2 portfolio of evidence. • This gives the total mark for the A Level.

Candidate 7	School-assessed grade	Exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The June 2021 school-assessed grade is converted into a uniform mark. The November 2021 exam mark is converted into a uniform mark. The better of the two uniform marks is combined with the mark for the June 2022 A2 portfolio of evidence. This gives the total mark for the A Level.
Candidate 8	Exam	School-assessed grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The June 2021 exam mark is converted into a uniform mark. The November 2021 school-assessed grade is converted into a uniform mark. The better of the two uniform marks is combined with the mark for the June 2022 A2 portfolio of evidence. This gives the total mark for the A Level.

Best of both routes to A Level

We will move best of both candidates to the staged option for portfolio of evidence. There is **no** 'best of both' A Level route when using the portfolio of evidence. A best of both route is where candidates take all their A Level exams in the current series *and* have AS Level credit from previous series. The best AS Level credit from the current or previous series is used to determine the A Level grade.

There are two entry options for A Level portfolios of evidence¹. These are summarised in the table below.

Entry option	Components	
Linear (P2)	Component 50 – AS Level portfolio of evidence	Component 60 – A2 Level portfolio of evidence
Staged (P3)	Component 80 – AS Level credit carried forward	Component 60 – A2 Level portfolio of evidence

Candidates whose original exam entry was for a best of both option will be moved to the **staged option (P3)** for portfolio of evidence.



Important information for Cambridge International AS & A Level Mathematics (9709) and Further Mathematics (9231)

There may be more than one possible staged entry option which is suitable for your candidate(s) entered for a best of both entry option for Cambridge International AS & A Level Mathematics (9709) and Further Mathematics (9231). We will move candidates to the staged entry option carrying forward AS Level Probability & Statistics 1 unless you tell us otherwise. Please read the information below and in **Appendix A – you may need to tell us to change the entry option for portfolio of evidence for your candidates.**

To help you, we have created a table showing the different exam entry options and how these translate to portfolio of evidence. Please see **Appendix A.**

We will contact you via email if you have any candidates that are affected. If you need to tell us to change the staged entry option for portfolio of evidence for your candidate(s), follow the steps below.

1. Email info@cambridgeinternational.org to tell us which candidate(s) you would like to move to the staged option which carries forward AS Level Mechanics. We will make the amendment(s) for you. You will not be charged very late entry fees.
2. Submit the appropriate evidence to us for the candidate(s) A2 Level portfolio of evidence.

You are responsible for checking that all your candidate(s) are moved to an appropriate staged entry option for portfolio of evidence. This means checking your candidates have the correct AS Level credit from a previous series. **If your candidate(s) do not have the correct AS Level credit we may not be able to award them an A Level result.**

Amending a best of both entry to a linear option for portfolio of evidence

If you want these candidates to be moved to the linear, rather than staged, entry option you must complete the steps below. If the candidate is moved to the linear entry option (P2) you must submit six pieces of evidence to us (three for AS Level and three for A2 Level). These steps apply to all syllabuses including Cambridge International AS & A Level Mathematics (9709) and Further Mathematics (9231).

It is **not** possible to amend the A Level portfolio of evidence entry option from staged to linear (P3 to P2) or from linear to staged (P2 to P3) after the release of results.

To move a best of both candidate to the linear option:

Before 17 April 2022

1. Amend the entry on Direct. You can do this yourself until 17 April 2022 (at 23:59 UTC+1).
2. Email info@cambridgeinternational.org to tell us you have amended one or more entry options and include the name(s) and candidate number(s) of the affected candidate(s).
3. We will then make sure the late fees for the entry amendment(s) you have made are credited back to your account.
4. Submit six pieces of evidence to us for these candidate(s) (three for AS Level and three for A2 Level).

After 17 April 2022

1. Email info@cambridgeinternational.org to tell us which candidate(s) you would like to move to the linear entry option. We will make the amendment(s) for you. You will not be charged very late entry fees.
2. Submit six pieces of evidence to us for these candidate(s) (three for AS Level and three for A2 Level).

What entry details you need to provide

As usual, when you make your exam entries, you must provide us with the most recent previous entry details (centre number and candidate number) for your candidates so that we can locate their AS Level credit. This includes AS Level credit from exams or school-assessed grades.

If a candidate is completing an A Level at your centre and previously took their AS Level at a different centre, you must provide the most recent previous centre number and candidate number as part of their exam entry.

If you realise that a candidate's previous entry details have not been included with their exam entry or are incorrect, you must update them as soon as possible on Direct or using your usual method of communication for making entries.

It is **vital** that you provide these details correctly, to make sure the candidate's best AS Level credit is carried forward. If you do not do this, a previous AS Level credit may not be taken into account when determining the candidate's final A Level mark and grade.

Content coverage requirements

You will find details of the evidence you need to provide for the A2 Level portfolio of evidence in the document [Collecting a Portfolio of Evidence for the June 2022 Series](#). The evidence you submit for the A2 Level portfolio of evidence must be compatible with the content, skills and assessment objectives usually assessed using the A2 exams. The candidate's AS Level carry

forward will provide evidence of coverage of the content, skills and assessment objectives assessed at AS Level. This is a requirement for all subjects.

Candidates taking 9709 Mathematics or 9231 Further Mathematics must be particularly careful to make sure they meet the evidence requirements for their A2 Level portfolio of evidence compatible with their entry option. This is because their entry option is specific to the different routes (mechanics and statistics) available for these syllabuses. We give specific advice in Appendix C of the document [*Collecting a Portfolio of Evidence for the June 2022 Series*](#) relating to these syllabuses.

Percentage Uniform Marks


In countries where we provide a Percentage Uniform Mark (PUM), candidates who follow the portfolio of evidence route will receive a PUM as usual. This includes where the AS Level carried forward is from a school-assessed grade. In this case, we will convert the school-assessed grade to an equivalent mid-grade uniform mark, to enable the PUM to be calculated.


Appendix A

Portfolio of evidence staged routes for Cambridge International AS & A Level Mathematics (9709) and Further Mathematics (9231)

The table below shows the original exam entry option for our Cambridge International AS & A Level Mathematics and Further Mathematics syllabuses, and the equivalent portfolio of evidence staged route entry option. It also shows the evidence requirements for each portfolio of evidence route and any actions you must take.

The reference to the 'exam entry option' relates to the available entry options for the syllabus. The Cambridge Guide to Making Entries shows the entry option you used to make your entries on Direct. Where a particular entry option is represented by e.g. 'LY' for some centres, this will differ across administrative zones, so centres elsewhere in the world might have an equivalent option in their *Cambridge Guide to Making Entries*, such as LX or LZ. All these options fall under the category 'option L' in the table – it is a way of expressing all equivalent option codes more simply.

Syllabus	Exam entry option	Expected exam components	Portfolio of evidence staged route	Evidence requirements	Actions
9709	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pure Mathematics 1 • Pure Mathematics 3 • Mechanics • Probability & Statistics 1 	P6	<i>Prior AS Level credit includes</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pure Mathematics 1 • Mechanics 	 You must tell us to move your candidate(s) to this staged option.
				<i>A2 Level portfolio of evidence must cover</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pure Mathematics 3 • Probability & Statistics 1 	
	N		P7	<i>Prior AS Level credit includes</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pure Mathematics 1 • Probability & Statistics 1 	We will move your best of both candidate(s) to this staged portfolio of evidence option unless you tell us otherwise.
				<i>A2 Level portfolio of evidence must cover</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pure Mathematics 3 • Mechanics 	
N	P8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pure Mathematics 1 • Pure Mathematics 3 • Probability & Statistics 1 • Probability & Statistics 2 	<i>Prior AS Level credit includes</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pure Mathematics 1 • Probability & Statistics 1 	We will move your best of both candidate(s) to this staged portfolio of evidence option unless you tell us otherwise.	
			<i>A2 Level portfolio of evidence must cover</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pure Mathematics 3 • Probability & Statistics 2 		

9231	F, G, H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further Pure Mathematics 1 • Further Pure Mathematics 2 • Further Mechanics • Further Probability & Statistics 	P4	<i>Prior AS Level credit includes</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further Pure Mathematics 1 • Further Mechanics 	 You must tell us to move your candidate(s) to this staged route.
				<i>A2 Level portfolio of evidence must cover</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further Pure Mathematics 2 • Further Probability & Statistics 	
			P5	<i>Prior AS Level credit includes</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further Pure Mathematics 1 • Further Probability & Statistics 	We will move your best of both candidate(s) to this staged portfolio of evidence option unless you tell us otherwise.
				<i>A2 Level portfolio of evidence must cover</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further Pure Mathematics 2 • Further Mechanics 	