

Exam results background information

Examiners' comments on failed candidates

Unsuccessful candidates will be notified of their grades of failure which will be FA, FB, FC or FD, except for CT9 and the UK Practice Modules, which are graded F.

Any grade of failure shown is an indication of the overall standard achieved. The mark ranges below are given to assist those candidates who have failed the examination to assess the degree of improvement required.

April 2010 exams onwards:

FA: 95-99% of the pass mark
FB: 80-94% of the pass mark
FC: 60-79% of the pass mark
FD: Less than 60% of the pass mark

September 2009 exams, and course based exams taking place up to 31 March 2010:

FA: 1-5 percentage points below the pass mark
FB: 6-15 percentage points below the pass mark
FC: 16-25 percentage points below the pass mark
FD: More than 25 percentage points below the pass mark

An FD grade (or repeated FC), after proper and full preparation, suggests that the candidate should consider their plans carefully and seek advice where appropriate. It might be helpful to talk to an actuarial colleague, to consider examination counselling or to approach the Exams Team or Courses Team in Oxford, who will be happy to assist.

Pass marks

As a matter of principle we do not publish pass marks but look at performance of students from session to session and adjust the pass mark in any one session to be consistent and ensure the students who pass are fit for purpose.