



**Learning  
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# **LRN INTERNATIONAL AS AND A LEVEL QUALIFICATIONS**

**YOUR GATEWAY TO ACADEMIC SUCCESS**

# **FAQs**

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**YOUR GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING AND NAVIGATING INTERNATIONAL A LEVEL**

*Empowering Learners and Supporting Excellence in Education*

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## BACKGROUND TO LRN

Learning Resource Network (LRN) is a recognised Awarding Organisation that offers a range of qualifications to candidates, educational institutes, training providers, schools and employers.

LRN is recognised for its high quality qualifications that enable candidates to progress to other areas of study and employment in their designated fields.

In producing its qualifications, LRN uses the experience and expertise of academics, professionals working in the pertinent industries and assessment practitioners with a wealth of best practice and knowledge of validation, verification, delivery and assessment.

## ACCOLADES

### [Queen's Award](#)

In April 2020, LRN received the Queen's Award for Enterprise for International Trade. LRN is one of 220 organisations in the UK to be recognised with this prestigious accolade. This was in recognition of the expansion LRN brought to the overseas qualification market.

## MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

LRN has been awarded international accreditation as part of its quality controls, policies, systems and overall approach to its management systems. These awards are externally validated by the British Assessment Bureau. LRN has achieved accreditation in the form of ISO 9001: Quality Management Systems, ISO 14001: Environment Management Systems and ISO 27001: Information Security Management Systems.

## CUSTOMER SERVICE EXCELLENCE

LRN has achieved the prestigious award of Customer Service Excellence. This is in recognition of its customer service practices, approach to managing and dealing with UK and Overseas customer needs, including the diverse needs of its centres.

LRN was the first UK Awarding Organisation to achieve Customer Service Excellence. Following reaccreditation in 2019, LRN received an award for Customer Service Excellence: Compliance Plus, demonstrating that LRN went above and beyond the delivery of its customer service principles.



## OBJECTIVES

This FAQs sheet is designed to provide clear guidance on key areas relevant to our qualifications, assessment processes, and academic policies. Whether you are a student, teacher, or institution representative, you will find answers to your most pressing questions here.

Our mission is to provide a high-quality, globally recognised education that prepares students for success in higher education and their future careers. We are committed to fostering a learning environment that encourages academic excellence, critical thinking, and personal growth.

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The International AS and A Level programme offers a comprehensive curriculum designed to meet the needs of students worldwide. With a focus on academic rigour and practical skills, our programme equips students with the knowledge and abilities they need to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

Our educational philosophy is centred on student-centred learning, innovation, and inclusivity. We believe in nurturing each student's unique talents and fostering a love for lifelong learning.

## COMMITMENT TO ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

As an internationally recognised awarding body, we uphold the values of academic honesty and transparency in all our processes. We expect all candidates, teaching centres, and staff to adhere to these principles to maintain the integrity of our qualifications and ensure fairness for all learners.

We hope this document serves as a useful guide for navigating our qualifications and addressing any questions or concerns. If you require additional information, please consult the relevant sections or reach out to us directly.

## CUSTOMER SERVICE STATEMENT

Learning Resource Network (LRN) is committed to ensuring all customers are dealt with promptly and in a professional and helpful manner. In order to guarantee this, we commit to ensuring the following in our day-to-day interactions with candidates, assessment centres, and our stakeholder network:

- All customers will be treated equally and with respect;
- All customer information will only be used in a way which has been agreed in advance, unless we are informed of something that places them or others at risk of harm;
- All customers will be treated by staff in a professional manner.

LRN has arrangements in place to provide a telephone and e-mail helpdesk, which will be staffed from 09:00 to 17:00 from Monday to Friday. Furthermore, it will respond to each e-mail, letter, or telephone message it receives regarding feedback on its qualifications, centre approvals process, or other matters relating to its products and/or services.

The timetable for responding is as follows:

- E-mail: 5 working days
- Letter: 5 working days
- Telephone message: 5 working days

## DIVERSITY AND EQUALITY

Learning Resource Network (LRN) is committed to ensuring fair and equal access to its qualifications, examinations, and support materials. Our Diversity and Equality policy seeks to eliminate unjustifiable discrimination, harassment, and/or victimisation and to advance equality of opportunity, thereby ensuring all candidates are treated fairly, in accordance with the protected characteristics of the Equality Act 2010. Specifically, we comply fully with the requirements laid out in the Equality Act 2010. In addition, and within the constraints of this policy, LRN will have due regard for the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) in the retention of information which is unnecessary.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

## GENERAL OVERVIEW

### **Q: What is Learning Resource Network (LRN)?**

A. LRN is a recognised Awarding Organisation offering a range of qualifications to candidates, educational institutions, training providers, schools, and employers. It is known for high-quality qualifications that facilitate progression to further study and employment.

### **Q: What accolades has LRN received?**

A. In April 2020, LRN received the Queen's Award for Enterprise for International Trade, recognising its expansion in the overseas qualifications market.

### **Q: What international accreditations has LRN achieved?**

A. LRN has been awarded ISO 9001 for Quality Management Systems, ISO 14001 for Environmental Management Systems, and ISO 27001 for Information Security Management Systems, validated by the British Assessment Bureau.

### **Q: What is the Customer Service Excellence award received by LRN?**

A. LRN was the first UK Awarding Organisation to achieve Customer Service Excellence. It received reaccreditation in 2019, earning the Compliance Plus award for exceeding customer service principles.

### **Q: Does the LRN International AS and A Level cater to different candidate backgrounds?**

A. Yes, it is designed to reflect the wide variation in candidates' origins, levels of education, and career aspirations.

### **Q: What is LRN's customer service commitment?**

A. LRN commits to treating all customers equally and with respect, using customer information responsibly, and responding to enquiries within five working days for emails, letters, and telephone messages.

### **Q: What is LRN's policy on diversity and equality?**

A. LRN is committed to ensuring fair and equal access to its qualifications, examinations, and support materials, complying fully with the Equality Act 2010 and GDPR.

### **Q: What is the International AS and A Level?**

A. The International AS and A Levels are globally recognised qualifications that provide students with a deep understanding of various subjects and prepare them for higher education and professional careers.

### **Q: What is the difference between AS and A Level?**

A: The primary difference between AS (Advanced Subsidiary) and A Level (Advanced Level) qualifications lies in their depth and duration.

AS Level qualification is typically completed in one year and covers the first half of the A Level syllabus. Students sit exams at the end of the first year, and this qualification can either stand alone or serve as the first part of an A Level course. AS Level is graded from A to E.

A Level qualification usually spans two years, encompassing both the AS Level content and additional material covered in the second year. Exams are taken at the end of the second year, assessing the entire syllabus. A Level provides a more comprehensive understanding of the subject and are often required for university admission. They are graded from A\* to E.

### **Q: How do AS and A Level qualifications compare internationally?**

A: AS and A Level qualifications are highly regarded and recognised worldwide. They are valued for their rigorous academic standards and provide a strong foundation for higher education and professional careers globally.

### **Q: What subjects are available in the LRN International AS and A Level curriculum?**

A: LRN offers a variety of subjects in the International AS and A Level programme, catering to diverse interests and academic needs. These subjects are categorised into several key areas, such as: Creative and Professional, Humanities and Social Sciences, Sciences, Mathematics, English Language and Literature, Languages

For the complete list of subjects, please visit LRN International AS and A Level Curriculum.

**Q: Are there any prerequisites for taking LRN International AS and A Level subjects?**

A: There are generally no strict prerequisites for taking International AS and A Levels, but a solid foundation in the subjects is recommended. Most students take these qualifications after completing IGCSE or an equivalent programme, which provides the necessary background knowledge and skills.

**Q: How crucial is English proficiency for AS and A Level courses, and what entry requirements do centres set to ensure student readiness?**

A: Proficiency in English is important as courses and exams are conducted in English. Some schools may set their own entry requirements, such as minimum grades in related subjects, to ensure students are prepared for the rigours of AS and A Level studies.

**Q: How is the LRN International AS and A Level qualification delivered?**

A: The qualification is delivered within centres that have demonstrated the necessary resources, facilities, and competence through the LRN centre recognition process.

**Q: What must centres demonstrate to deliver the LRN International AS and A Level qualification?**

A: Centres must show they have the means, capability, capacity, and resources, including suitably qualified staff, to deliver the qualification by their chosen method.

## **REGISTRATION AND COST**

**Q: Can LRN International AS and A Level exams be taken privately, or do I need to be enrolled in a school?**

A: Candidates have the option to take LRN International AS and A Level exams either through LRN's network of approved learning providers or as private candidates. However, private candidates must obtain prior approval and confirmation from LRN before enrolment.

**Q: As a private candidate, what should I do once I have obtained prior approval and confirmation from LRN?**

A: Individuals opting for private registration can complete the process by visiting LRN's official website or using the following link: <https://www.lrnschools.org/private-candidates>



**Q: What is the cost of taking International AS and A Level exams?**

A: The cost varies across different subjects. It is best to contact LRN at [enquiries@lrnglobal.org](mailto:enquiries@lrnglobal.org) for specific pricing.

## **CENTRE APPROVAL**

**Q: What is a Centre Approval Certificate?**

A: A Centre Approval Certificate is an official document issued by LRN, confirming that a centre has met the necessary criteria to deliver LRN qualifications.

**Q: How can my centre apply for approval?**

A: Centres must complete the Centre Approval Application Form and submit it along with the required documentation to LRN. The application will be reviewed, and an inspection may be conducted.

**Q: What is the criteria for centre approval?**

A: Centres must demonstrate adequate resources, qualified staff, and the ability to deliver and assess LRN qualifications effectively. Detailed criteria can be found in the Centre Approval Guidelines.

**Q: How long does the approval process take?**

A: The approval process typically takes between 4 to 6 weeks from the submission of the application to the issuance of the certificate.

**Q: What is the validity period of the Centre Approval Certificate?**

A: The centre approval certificate is valid for one academic period. It requires revision and renewal upon the conclusion of each academic period to ensure continued compliance and up-to-date standards.

**Q: Where can I find more information?**

A: For comprehensive details, please refer to the LRN Centre Approval Page at <https://www.lrnschools.org/joining-lrn/>

## GRADING AND STRUCTURE

### Q: How is the LRN International AS and A Level graded?

A. for AS Level, results are reported on a scale of A to E while for A Levels, results are reported on a scale of A\* to E.

### Q: What is the International AS and A Level exams grading scale?

A. The grading scale for LRN International AS and A Level exams is as follows:

A Level Grading Scale:

- A\* – (90-100%) the highest grade.
- A – (80-89%) excellent performance.
- B – (70-79%) good performance.
- C – (60-69%) satisfactory performance.
- D – (50-59%) minimal passing performance.
- E – (40-49%) the lowest passing grade.

AS Level Grading Scale:

- A – (80-100%) the highest grade.
- B – (70-79%) good performance.
- C – (60-69%) satisfactory performance.
- D – (50-59%) minimal passing performance.
- E – (40-49%) the lowest passing grade.

The A Level exams are graded on a six-point scale, while the AS Level exams are graded on a five-point scale.

A\* is awarded only at the full A Level, not at AS Level.

The final grade for A Level is based on the aggregate performance across AS (first year) and A2 (second year) components, unless the candidate sits for a single “linear” A Level exam.

Candidates who fail to reach the minimum standard for grade E will be recorded as U – (<40%) unclassified and will not receive a qualification certificate.

**Q: What does a grade U signify in the International AS and A Level grading system?**

A. In the International AS and A Level grading system, a grade U stands for “Ungraded.” This indicates that the student’s performance did not meet the minimum standard required to achieve a grade E. Essentially, it means that the work submitted was insufficient to be awarded a passing grade.

**Q: What is the structure of LRN International AS and A Level exams?**

A. The exams typically include a combination of written and alternate to practical assessments tailored to each subject.

**Q: How are practical subjects assessed in the LRN International AS and A Level exams?**

A: Practical subjects are assessed through a combination of coursework and practical examinations, ensuring students demonstrate both theoretical knowledge and practical skills.

**Q: What is the role of coursework in the LRN International AS and A Level?**

A: Coursework is an essential element of the assessment for numerous subjects, contributing significantly to the final grade and enabling students to display their understanding and skills over time.

**Q: How does the International AS and A Level curriculum accommodate different student abilities and performance levels?**

A. The International AS and A Level curriculum is designed to cater to a wide range of student abilities through its comprehensive and flexible structure. Students can choose subjects that align with their strengths and career aspirations, with assessments designed to evaluate their understanding and skills at an advanced level.

**Q: What are the guided learning hours (GLH) for this qualification?**

A: The guided learning hours (GLH) for the LRN International AS Level are 180, while for the LRN International A Level, they are 360. Please note that these hours are indicative.

**Q: How many entries are required per qualification?**

A: One entry per qualification is sufficient and will cover all the question papers, including certification.

**Q: When are the LRN International AS and A Level exams held?**

A: Exam series are held in January (results released in March), June (results released in August), and November (results released in January).

**Q: Can candidates retake individual components of the qualification?**

A: No, candidates can retake the whole qualification as often as they wish, but individual components cannot be retaken as it is a traditional linear specification.

## **EXAM PREPARATION AND RESOURCES**

**Q: How can students prepare for International AS and A Level exams?**

A. To prepare for the International AS and A Level exams, students can follow these key steps:

*Understand the Syllabus:*

Familiarise yourself with the syllabus for each subject to know what topics will be covered.

*Create a Study Plan:*

Develop a study schedule that allocates time for each subject, ensuring you cover all topics well before the exams.

*Practice Past Papers:*

Regularly practise past exam papers to get a feel for the question formats and time management.

*Seek Help When Needed:*

Don't hesitate to ask teachers or peers for help if you encounter difficult topics.

**Q: What resources are available to support International AS and A Level students?**

A. Resources include subject specifications, specimen papers, sample papers, mock papers, past papers, online tutorials, and recommended reading lists.

**Q: What textbooks are recommended for International AS and A Level subjects?**

A. Recommended textbooks for certain subjects are listed on the LRN website.

**Q: Are there any online resources or websites for International AS and A Level revision?**

A. Yes, there are various online platforms and websites that offer revision materials.

**Q: How can I find past papers and mark schemes for International AS and A Level subjects?**

A. Past papers and mark schemes are available through the LRN website.

**Q: How can parents support their children in preparing for the International AS and A Level?**

A. Parents can support them by providing a conducive study environment and encouraging regular revision.

**Q: What is the role of teachers in the International AS and A Level?**

A. Teachers play a crucial role in guiding and preparing students for the exams.

**Q: What are the common challenges students face with International AS and A Level and how can they overcome them?**

A. Common challenges include time management and exam stress; students can overcome these by planning and practising relaxation techniques.

**Q: Where can I find more information about the International AS and A Level curriculum and updates?**

A. More information is available on the LRN website [www.lrnschools.org](http://www.lrnschools.org)

**Q: How can I find out more information about specific International AS and A Level subjects?**

A. Detailed information about each subject is available on the LRN website.

## EXAM DAY AND PROCEDURES

### Q: What can students take into their exams?

A. Students can take approved stationery and calculators into their exams.

### Q: How are International AS and A Level exams conducted?

A. Exams are conducted in designated exam centres under strict supervision.

### Q: What happens if I cannot take the exam due to illness or emergency?

A. In case of illness or an emergency, inform the exam centre immediately. Special consideration, such as grade adjustments or exam deferral, may be possible with appropriate documentation.

### Q: What are some acts of cheating?

A. Acts of cheating include:

- Misuse of Examination Material: Bringing unauthorised materials like notes, study guides, or electronic devices into the exam room.
- Impersonation: Pretending to be someone else or arranging for another person to take the exam on one's behalf.

### Q: What constitutes disruptive behaviour during an exam?

A. Disruptive Behaviour: Behaving in a way that undermines the integrity of the exam, such as using offensive language or causing disturbances.

### Q: What are the consequences of cheating and disruptive behaviour in International AS and A Level exams?

A. Cheating and disruptive behaviour in International AS and A Level exams can lead to severe consequences for students. These include:

- Exam result being nullified
- Possible disciplinary actions
- A ban from future exams

It is crucial for students to adhere to exam regulations to maintain a fair and respectful examination environment.

**Q: What happens if a candidate is expelled from the examination centre?**

A. The candidate's script must be secured and returned with the report form.

**Q: What is the policy on exam retakes?**

A. Students can retake the whole qualification as often as they wish but individual components cannot be retaken.

**Q: How many entries are needed for each qualification?**

A. A single entry per qualification is enough and includes all question papers and certification.

## **RESULTS AND POST-EXAM INFORMATION**

**Q: When are LRN International AS and A Level results released?**

A. Results are typically released a few weeks after the exams. Particularly for exam series held in January (results are released in March), for June exams (results are released in August), and for November exams (results are released in January).

**Q: How can students access their International AS and A Level results?**

A. Results can be accessed through the LRN portal.

**Q: What should students do if they are unhappy with their results?**

A. Students can request a re-mark or appeal through LRN.

**Q: What is the process of requesting a re-mark or appeal?**

A. Requests can be submitted directly via the secure online portal or by emailing [enquiries@lrnglobal.org](mailto:enquiries@lrnglobal.org). The process typically includes the following steps:

*Initial Request:*

Submit a formal request for remarking or an appeal to the examination board or institution.

*Review Process:*

The request is reviewed, and the exam paper or assessment is re-evaluated by a different examiner.

*Outcome Notification:*

The results of the remarking or appeal are communicated to the candidate, which may include a revised grade.

*Further Appeals:*

If the candidate is still dissatisfied, there may be an option for further appeals or a review by an independent panel.

**Q: How can students obtain their LRN International AS and A Level certificates?**

A. Certificates are issued by LRN and can be collected from the exam centre.

**Q: How can private students obtain their LRN International AS and A Level certificates?**

A. Private students will receive their LRN International AS and A Level certificates by mail at their registered address.

## **SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**Q: What support is available for students with special educational needs?**

A. LRN provides special arrangements for students with documented needs.

**Q: How can students apply for special arrangements in exams?**

A. Applications for arrangements should be submitted to LRN with supporting documentation.

**Q: What is the process for applying for extra time in exams?**

A. Students need to provide medical or psychological evidence to apply for extra time.

## **FURTHER EDUCATION AND CAREER**

**Q: What are the benefits of taking International AS and A Level exams?**

A. Benefits include international recognition, a broad curriculum, and preparation for further education.

**Q: Can International AS and A Level qualifications be used for university applications?**

A. Yes, they are recognised by universities worldwide.



**Q: What career opportunities can International AS and A Level qualifications open up?**

A. These globally recognised qualifications are valuable for students aiming to study or work abroad and offer flexible learning paths that cater to diverse educational backgrounds and career goals.

**Q: How do I choose the right International AS and A Level subjects for further education or career goals?**

A. Choosing the right International AS and A Level subjects is essential for aligning with your future education and career goals. Consider your interests and strengths to stay motivated and perform well. Align your choices with your career goals by selecting relevant subjects, such as Accounting and Economics for a finance career. Research university requirements to ensure you meet the entry criteria for your desired programmes. It is important to maintain a balanced selection of subjects to keep your options open for various fields of study and career opportunities.

**Q: How do universities view International AS and A Level qualifications compared to local qualifications?**

A. Universities highly regard International AS and A Level qualifications. These qualifications are recognised for their rigorous academic standards and comprehensive curriculum, which prepare students well for higher education. Many universities worldwide accept International AS and A Levels for admission, appreciating the depth of knowledge and critical thinking skills they foster.

**Q: What progression opportunities are available after achieving the LRN International AS and A Level?**

A. Candidates can progress to various paths, including: a similar level 3 qualification in accounting; LRN Level 3 Diploma in Pre-U Foundation Studies; a higher level of any qualification – e.g., HNC/HND or Degree; vocationally related qualifications.

## **SUPPORT**

**Q: How can I contact the support team?**

A: You can contact the support team via email, phone, or live chat.

**Q: How do International AS and A Level qualifications support further education?**

A: International AS and A Level qualifications offered by the Learning Resource Network (LRN) support further education by providing progression opportunities to higher education levels such as HNC/HND, degrees, or vocational qualifications.

**Q: How do I track the status of my support request?**

A: To track the status of your support request, log in to your student/centre portal and navigate to the “Support Requests” section. Here, you can view the progress, and any updates related to your request.

**Q: What information do I need to provide when contacting support?**

A: When contacting support, please provide the following information:

- Your student/centre ID
- A detailed description of the issue
- Any relevant screenshots or documents
- This will help us resolve your issue more efficiently.

**Q: How long does it take to get a response from support?**

A: Our support team aims to respond to all inquiries within 24-48 hours. Response times may vary depending on the complexity of the issue and the volume of requests.

**Q: How can I provide feedback on my support experience?**

A: We value your feedback! After your support issue is resolved, you will receive a follow-up email with a link to a feedback form. Please take a moment to share your experience and help us improve our services.