Special Consideration: Missed A-Level Exam – Quick Guide

What Is It?

When a student misses an A-level exam for **valid**, **unavoidable reasons** (e.g. illness, bereavement), the exam board may award a **calculated mark** if the student is eligible, and a special consideration request is approved.

Eligibility Criteria

To qualify for a calculated mark:

- The student must have completed **at least 25%** of the total assessment for the subject.
- The centre must submit a JCQ Form 10 (online or scanned) within 7 calendar days of the missed exam.
- Valid evidence (e.g. medical note, bereavement letter, etc.) must support the claim.

How the Mark Is Calculated

If approved, the exam board will estimate the mark for the missed paper using:

1. Performance in Other Papers

• The student's **average percentage** from completed papers in the same subject is calculated.

2. Apply to Missed Paper

• That average is used to estimate the score they likely would have achieved.

3. Weighting and Final Grade

• The estimated mark is combined with completed papers and matched against grade boundaries.

Example – A-Level Psychology (AQA)

Each paper is out of 96 and worth 33.3% of the subject.

Paper Max Marks Score % Score

Paper 1 96	72	75.0%
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- Paper 2 96 64 66.7%
- Paper 3 96 68 70.85% (estimated)

Total Score = 204/288 → Grade B

🗙 When a Grade Cannot Be Issued

- The student did **not complete 25%** of the subject assessment.
- There is **no valid supporting evidence**.
- The student missed all exam components for the subject.
- Coursework is incomplete (for subjects with NEA).

A Submission Checklist for Centres

- JCQ Form 10 submitted (online or scanned)
- Supporting evidence provided
- Form submitted within 7 calendar days of the missed exam
- Student completed ≥ 25% of total assessment

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- Special consideration is handled **confidentially**.
- Students won't see their estimated mark only the final subject grade.
- This process is designed to ensure fairness without advantage or penalty.