

Frequently Asked Questions

What does a Specialist Graduate Marker actually do?

Specialist Graduate Markers mark candidates' examination scripts against a defined mark scheme written by the Principal Examiner.

How do I apply and what is the selection procedure?

To apply please visit www.edexcel.com/aarecruitment and complete an online application form by selecting the subject and level you are interested in. Your form will be reviewed by our recruitment team and references will be taken up.

Once we have received supportive references for your application you will then be invited to an assessment day. At the assessment day you will be required to sit a test (this should take no longer than one hour) and we will also take copies of your passport, visa (if required) and your degree certificate.

On successful completion of the test we will then add you to our list of available examiners. If there are then vacancies for your subject area you will be contacted by our deployment department.

How can I check on the progress of my application?

You can check on the status of your application at any time by logging into your Gateway account. Go to www.edexcelgateway.com, where you have the option to resume incomplete applications, and review any applications previously submitted.

When would I need to be available?

There are two main examination series - January and June - although we ask new Specialist Graduate Markers to start in June only. The precise period is determined by the date of the examination we allocate you to mark. You will need to be trained, or standardised and this is normally held about a week after the examination with the marking period immediately thereafter.

How do I find out about which dates I need to make available?

Information on the standardisation date is included in the contract. These are sent out from December onwards for the June series.

If I were to become a Specialist Graduate Marker what would my time commitment be?

Before marking you must attend a standardisation event which may be held in London and then you have three weeks to mark the work we allocate to you. An average allocation should take between 40 and 45 hours to mark.

How long would I need to be away from my school or college?

If you mark at home, no more than one day and perhaps not even that as approximately 25% of the standardisation events are on a Saturday.

Where does the marking take place?

Usually at home, although in a few subject areas we additionally mark at a central point.

How much will I get paid?

In the case of traditional and on-screen marking, fees are per script or item and are determined by the size of the paper. Specialist Graduate Markers can expect to earn between £100 and £400 per examination series.

If I need more information who should I contact?

Please call the AA Helpdesk for enquiries on 0800 169 9202