



# Diploma Exam Weighting Overview

## Eligibility

Students who are taking a diploma exam course for the first time in the 2023/24 school year will have their school-awarded mark weighted at 70% and their diploma exam mark weighted at 30%.

Students who completed a diploma exam course during the 2021/22 school year and are now retaking the course, writing the diploma exam, or rewriting the diploma exam may be eligible for the 10% temporary weighting of diploma exams that was used in the 2021/22 school year. If the 10% weighting would be more beneficial for the student, then that weighting will be applied.

Students who completed a diploma exam course during the 2022/23 school year and are now retaking the course, writing the diploma exam, or rewriting the diploma exam in the 2023/24 school year may be eligible for the 20% temporary weighting of diploma exams that was used in the 2022/23 school year. If the 20% weighting would be more beneficial for the student, then that weighting will be applied.

Below are some examples that illustrate how students' marks will be calculated.

**Example 1: A student took Chemistry 30 during the 2021/22 school year and received an 80% school-awarded mark and a 60% on the diploma exam. In January 2024, the student retook the course, achieving a mark of 85% and wrote the diploma exam again, achieving a mark of 55%. How will this student's final mark be calculated?**

Because this student completed the course during the 2021/22 school year, they are still eligible for the 10% weighting. As a result, all combinations of school-awarded marks and diploma exam marks, using blending rates of 90/10 and 70/30 would be calculated for this student. The highest result would be their final mark. The calculations and the related blending rates are shown in the table below.

	Marks Used		Blending Rate	Final Mark
	School-awarded Mark	Diploma Exam Mark		
2021/22 school year	80	60	90/10	78%
2023/24	85	55	70/30	76%
Cross-blending Combinations Calculated	85	60	90/10	83%
	80	55	90/10	78%
	85	60	70/30	78%
	80	55	70/30	73%

In this case, the highest final mark is determined by combining the 85% school-awarded mark with the 60% diploma exam mark and using a blending rate of 90/10. The final mark for this student will be 83%.

**Example 2: A student took Social Studies 30–2 during the 2022/23 school year and received a 60% school-awarded mark and achieved 95% on the diploma exam. In January 2024, the student retook the course, achieving a school-awarded mark of 70% and 80% on the diploma exam rewrite. How will this student's final mark be calculated?**

Because this student completed the course during the 2022/23 school year, they are still eligible for the 20% weighting. As a result, all combinations of school-awarded marks and diploma exam marks, using blending rates of 80/20 and 70/30 would be calculated for this student. The highest result would be their final mark. The calculations and the related blending rates are shown in the table below.

	Marks Used		Blending Rate	Final Mark
	School-awarded Mark	Diploma Exam Mark		
2022/23 school year	60	95	80/20	67%
2023/24 school year	70	80	70/30	73%
Cross-blending Combinations Calculated	60	80	80/20	64%
	70	95	80/20	75%
	60	80	70/30	66%
	70	95	70/30	78%

In this case, the highest final mark is determined by combining the 70% school-awarded mark with the 95% diploma exam mark and using a blending rate of 70/30. The final mark for this student will be 78%.

**Example 3: In August 2023, a student completed a diploma exam course but was not able to write the diploma exam until November 2023. What blending rate will be used for this student?**

In this case, since the student completed their coursework and has a final school-awarded mark during the 2022/23 school year, they are still eligible for the 20% weighting. However, if the 30% weighting is more beneficial for the student, then that is the weighting that will be used to determine the final mark.

**Example 4: In January 2022, a student completed a diploma exam course but received an exemption because the January administration of diploma exams was cancelled due to the extended winter break. If this student wants to improve their mark by retaking the course, do they need to write the diploma exam? And what blending rate will be used for this student?**

Exemptions are specific to a single administration and do not carry forward, so this student would need to write the diploma exam. Since the student completed their coursework and has a final school-awarded mark during the 2021/22 school year, they are still eligible for the 10% weighting. However, if the 30% weighting is more beneficial for the student, then that is the weighting that will be used to determine the final mark.

In all cases, the student's highest school-awarded mark, highest diploma exam mark, and highest final mark will be reported on the transcript.