

IB Diploma Passing Conditions



Core requirements

- DP category candidates must study six subjects, plus the three core subjects—EE, TOK and CAS. They must accumulate **no fewer than 24** points from assessment in these subjects, in addition to grade stipulations.
- They must meet all of the additional requirements—see below
- Candidates who take the diploma in multiple languages may be eligible for a **bilingual diploma**.

The IB diploma is awarded based on performance across all parts of the DP.

- Each subject is graded 1–7, with 7 being the highest grade.
- TOK and the EE are graded A–E, with A being the highest grade.
- These two grades are then combined in the diploma points matrix to contribute between 0 and 3 points to the total (see matrix below)
- CAS is not assessed but must be completed in order to pass the diploma.
- The **overall maximum points** from subject grades, TOK and the EE is therefore **45**: $((6 \times 7) + 3)$.
- The minimum threshold for the award of the diploma is 24 points. If a candidate scores less than 24 points, the diploma is not awarded.
- To receive the full 30 credits for university credit Diploma Candidates must score a 30 or higher.

Additional requirements

There are a number of additional requirements for the award of the diploma.

- CAS requirements have been met.
- There is no “N” awarded for TOK, the EE or for a contributing subject.
- There is no grade E awarded for TOK and/or the EE.
- There is no grade 1 awarded in a subject/level.
- There are no more than two grade 2s awarded (SL or HL).
- There are no more than three grade 3s or below awarded (SL or HL).
- The candidate has gained 12 points or more on HL subjects. (For candidates who register for four HL subjects, the three highest grades count.)
- The candidate has gained 9 points or more on SL subjects. (Candidates who register for two SL subjects must gain at least 5 points at SL.)
- The candidate has not received a penalty for academic misconduct from the Final Award Committee.

The following matrix will be used for award of points for TOK and the EE:

		Theory of knowledge (TOK)					
		Grade awarded	A	B	C	D	E or N
Extended essay	A	3	3	2	2	Failing condition	
	B	3	2	2	1	Failing condition	
	C	2	2	1	0		
	D	2	1	0	0		
	E or N	Failing condition					

