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A-Levels & GCSEs

Online A-Levels and GCSEs, fully accredited

Catch up, retake, or progress with internationally recognised qualifications studied at your own pace, 100% online.

AT A GLANCE

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| Levels | GCSE & A-Level |
| Awarding bodies | AQA, Pearson |
| Duration | 6 to 24 months |
| Study mode | 100% online |
| Funding | Pay monthly available |

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Pearson Edexcel

Exam centres UK-wide

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In plain English

Q. Can I study A-Levels and GCSEs online?

Yes – the full Pearson and AQA specifications, sat at UK exam centres learndirect delivers the official Pearson Edexcel and AQA specifications for GCSEs and A-Levels entirely online. There is no upper age limit. You self-register for the exam at a UK exam centre when you are ready, and your final grade is identical to one earned at a school or college. Most online learners complete a GCSE in 9 to 12 months and an A-Level in 12 to 24 months.

Inside this guide

A 28-page guide to studying A-Levels and GCSEs as an adult learner, with subject choices, exam booking, and university pathway data.

- Full list of 25+ subjects with exam boards
- University acceptance for online vs school A-Levels
- Step-by-step exam centre booking process
- Cost breakdown including exam fees and resits

How online A-Levels and GCSEs work

Three steps from enrolment to a recognised exam grade.

STEP 1 STEP 2 STEP 3

Choose your subjects Study online with tutor Sit your exam at a UK and exam board support exam centre Pick from 25+ subjects Self-paced online learning You book your exam directly across GCSE and A-Level. with a personal tutor, mock with an official UK exam We deliver the full Pearson papers, and full coverage of centre. We provide a list of Edexcel or AQA specification, the specification. You can centres and help you with so your content matches start any day of the year. registration. Your grade is what a school or college Most learners spend 8 to 12 identical to one issued by a would teach. hours per week on a single school. subject.

Why study A-Levels & GCSEs with learndirect

100% online, fully flexible Study from anywhere, anytime. No commute, no classroom hours. Designed to fit around full-time work, parenting, and shift patterns.

Tutor support throughout

Dedicated subject specialists mark your assignments, answer your questions, and guide you from enrolment to certificate.

Pay monthly with 0% interest Spread your fees across 9, 12 or 24 months with no credit checks and no hidden charges. Start your course today, settle the rest later.

Trusted by 25,000+ Trustpilot reviewers learndirect is one of the UK's largest and most established online learning providers, with a five-star rating across thousands of independent reviews.

Recognised qualifications

Every course leads to a regulated certificate from a UK awarding body, ready to share with employers, universities, or professional bodies.

Courses in A-Levels & GCSEs

This faculty currently offers 40 regulated qualifications. Prices below are full one-off fees. All courses also offer 0% monthly payment plans spread across 9, 12 or 24 months.

Course Awarding body From

GCSE Maths including exams Pearson £839.99

GCSE / IGCSE English Language including exams Pearson £679.99

GCSE / IGCSE Combined Science Including Exams Pearson £1,999.99

A-Level Biology including exams and practicals Pearson £2,299.99

A-Level Chemistry (including exam and practical) Pearson £2,299.99

A-Level / IA-Level Maths including exams Pearson £949.99

A-Level Psychology including exams Pearson £944.99

GCSE / IGCSE Biology including exams Pearson £679.99

A-Level / IA-Level Biology - exams not included Pearson £479.99

A-Level / IA-Level Biology including exams AQA £944.99

GCSE English Language and Mathematics including

Pearson £1,589.99 exams

GCSE Psychology including exams AQA £729.99

GCSE English Literature including exams AQA £729.99

A-Level English Language including exams Pearson £945.99

A-Level Film Studies including exams WJEC Eduqas £945.99

A-Level English Literature including exams Pearson £945.99

GCSE History including exams Pearson £729.99

GCSE / IGCSE Chemistry including exams Pearson £679.99

A-Level Chemistry (including exam) Pearson £944.99

Course Awarding body From

A-Level Business Studies including exam Pearson £945.99

IGCSE Human Biology ? including exams Pearson £699.99

A-Level Sociology including exams Pearson £945.99

IGCSE mathematics including exams Pearson £639.99

A-Level History including exams Pearson £944.99

GCSE Maths - exams not included Pearson £359.99

See the full live list at pathways.learndirect.com/faculties/a-levels-gcses.

How payment works

Option How it works Best for

Pay in full Single one-off payment when you enrol. Learners who want the simplest option.

9-month plan Equal monthly instalments over 9 months. 0% interest. Most popular. Lines up with course duration.

12-month plan Equal monthly instalments over 12 months. 0% interest. Lower monthly outlay.

24-month plan Equal monthly instalments over 24 months. 0% interest. Longest, smallest monthly cost.

No interest, no credit checks, no hidden fees. If you ever want to pay off your balance early, you can settle the remainder at any time at no extra cost.

Frequently asked questions

Q. Are online A-Levels the same as school A-Levels?

Yes. We deliver the official Pearson Edexcel or AQA specification, the same content taught in schools and colleges. You sit the same exam at a recognised UK exam centre, and the grade on your certificate is identical to a school-issued grade.

Q. Is there an upper age limit?

No. There is no upper age limit for A-Levels or GCSEs. Adult learners and mature students can sit any subject at any age, provided they register as a private candidate at an exam centre.

Q. How do I book the exam?

You book directly with an official UK exam centre that accepts private candidates. We provide a list of centres in your region and help with registration. Exam entry fees are paid directly to the centre.

Q. How long does an A-Level take to complete online?

The standard duration is 12 to 18 months for a single A-Level, with full coverage of the two-year specification. Some learners complete in 9 months if they study intensively.

Q. Will universities accept online A-Levels?

Yes. UK universities accept A-Levels regardless of where you studied for them. Your UCAS application shows the grade and exam board, not the learning provider. Russell Group and Oxbridge universities accept private candidates without distinction.

Q. How much does an online A-Level cost?

Course fees start from £499 per subject. Pay monthly options are available. Exam entry fees are paid separately to the exam centre and typically range from £90 to £160 per A-Level subject.

Q. Can I resit a GCSE I failed at school?

Yes, and many adult learners do. The most common resits are GCSE Maths and English, which are required for nursing, teaching, and many apprenticeship programmes. There is no penalty for resitting and no record of prior attempts on your final certificate.

Earn an A-Level or GCSE as an adult Speak to an adviser about subjects, timelines, and how to register as a private candidate.

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