

The present Education Act (2010:800) came into effect July 1, 2011, and introduced a grading scale with grades designated as A-F, with A-E as passing grades, and A being the highest grade.

For each subject and course there are knowledge requirements (standards) for grades E, C and A that state what the pupil needs to achieve in order to be awarded a particular grade. Grade D shall be awarded when a pupil has met all parts of the knowledge requirement for grade E and a considerable share of the knowledge requirement for grade C. Correspondingly, the grade B shall be awarded when a pupil has met all parts of the knowledge requirement for grade C and a considerable share of the knowledge requirement for grade A.

No grade will be awarded for a subject or course if pupil absenteeism entails that there is not sufficient information to assess the pupil's knowledge. Instead of a grade, the subject or course is to be marked with a dash (-) in the educational records. If the teacher concludes that the level of knowledge is insufficient for a passing grade, the pupil is to be awarded an F. The difference between a dash and an F is that the dash is not a grade. Grade F and dashes are not to be used for pupils with learning disabilities in compulsory or upper secondary school, nor for pupils with intellectual impairment in education for adults.

In all programmes, students carry out a diploma project in which they demonstrate their capabilities based on what they have learnt during the education. The diploma project in upper secondary school, in upper secondary school for pupils with learning disabilities or equivalent level in adult education has no knowledge requirements. However, it is to be assessed in relation to the diploma goals. The diploma project is only graded with an E (pass) or an F (not pass), and is not included in the merit value for applications to tertiary education.

Grade requirements

Grade A means that the student has achieved all parts of the knowledge requirement for Grade A.
Grade B means that the student has met all parts of the knowledge requirement for grade C and a considerable share of the knowledge requirement for grade A.
Grade C means that the student has achieved all parts of the knowledge requirement for Grade C.
Grade D means that the student has met all parts of the knowledge requirement for grade E and a considerable share of the knowledge requirement for grade C.
Grade E means that the student has achieved all parts of the knowledge requirement for Grade E.
Grade F means that the student has failed to achieve any or all parts of the knowledge requirement for Grade E.

Comparison with previous grading scale

Grading scale according to 2010 Education Act	Previous grading scale	Numerical value	Description
A	(MVG) Pass with Special Distinction	20	Highest pass grade
B		17,5	
C	(VG) Pass with Distinction	15	
D		12,5	
E	(G) Pass	10	Lowest pass grade
F	(IG) Fail	0	Fail grade