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About five years ago, the education ministry issued a policy guidelines requiring all students to reduce the principal subjects from four to three. This is on top of one subsidiary and General Paper.

This forms a basis for admission to universities; at a maximum of 20 points and no longer 25.

But before students get admitted to universities, they must start working to earn grades that can get them into university in Senior Five.

The change in policy originated from the A'level change of subject combinations, a couple of years ago.

Unlike in the past where subjects taken at A'level were grouped into four, universities now group them in three categories, during admission.

In the past, the university admission board would consider essential, relevant, desirable as well as other categories when weighting points for admission into public universities.

However, the 'others' category has been dropped in the new public universities admissions guidelines.

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This includes a maximum six points for each of the three subjects, one point for General Paper and the point for sub-maths or IT, as a subsidiary.

For one to be admitted to university, he or she must have done a combination of three

# How to calculate your child's scores at A'level

## TOP TIP ✓

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subjects and General Paper, on top of Sub-maths or IT as a subsidiary. sub-maths replaced what used to be the fourth subject in the combination.

### The weighting criteria

All subjects taken at the A'level are grouped into three categories and weighted as follows for purposes of admission to any programme of undergraduate study in any university.

The essential subject weighs three points, relevant two points and a desirable of one point.

A student must pass the essential A'level subjects with a principal pass for them to qualify



According to the new policy guidelines issued by the education ministry, for a student to be admitted to university they must have scored a maximum of 20 points and below

for university admission.

More so, for a given candidate, not more than three subjects taken at the principal level shall

be considered in weighting to get cut-off points.

Important to note is that not more than two subjects shall be designated as "essential".

A distinction or credit in a subject taken at subsidiary level such as General Paper, sub-maths or computer studies shall carry one point. A subsidiary pass ranges from grades 1 to 6. In case of programmes where "essential" subjects may be three or more, an "essential set" of subjects is defined.

The best-performed two subjects of the essential set shall be designated as "essential subjects" and weighted three.

The third best done subject from the "essential set" shall be designated as the "relevant subject" and weighted two.

For O'level grades, distinctions 1 and 2 carry 0.3 points, Credits 3 to 6 carries 0.2, passes 7 and 8 carry 0.1 and fail (9) carry 0.0 weights respectively.

For A'level grades, the conversion scale is A=6, B=5, C=4, D=3, E=2, O=1, F=0 points.

### Adding points

The O'level weight of a candidate for any programme in the university is obtained by multiplying the number of distinctions/credits/passes, by the relevant weights and adding up for the distinctions, credits and passes actually obtained by the candidate.

The A'level weight, for a given programme is obtained by multiplying each subject grade point by the relevant weighting factor and adding up for all the subjects taken and passed.

The combined weight of a candidate for a given programme is obtained by adding the O'level weight obtained, to the A'level weight.

The best candidate for each programme is the one with the highest combined weight.

Candidates are selected on merit from those who apply for a programme as their first choice plus those who apply for the programme as second, third, or fourth choice, if they have not been admitted to programmes of their earlier choices. All choices are considered.

## CALCULATING WEIGHTS

Assuming you wanted to do medicine in a public university. The essential subjects for bachelor of medicine and surgery are biology and chemistry, while its relevant subject is either mathematics or Physics. Its desirable subjects are general paper or sub-maths. If you got a distinction in General Paper and a point in the subsidiary paper and also scored AAA, this is how you would calculate your entry scores.

Essentials: Biology  $6 \times 3 = 18$   
Chemistry  $6 \times 3 = 18$   
Relevant: Maths  $6 \times 2 = 12$   
Desirable: General Paper  $1 \times 1 = 1$

One more point for subsidiary pass would be added to the score. Your sub-total score would then be 50. The O'level results also account for university entry. If you got a distinction in each of the considered eight subjects, then that would be  $(8 \times 0.3 = 2.4)$ . O'level and A'level performance score for such a student would then be 52.4.



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INDEX NO	NAME	SEX	ENG	SCI	SST	MTC	AGG	DIV
538419/003	BAKOMERO ALEXANDRIA	F	1	1	1	1	4	1
538419/001	AMANYA GABRIEL BENTLEY	M	1	2	1	1	5	1
538419/006	KATENDO TENDO ZION	M	1	1	1	1	5	1
538419/007	KAWOBYA PRINCE RAYVON	M	1	2	1	1	5	1
538419/012	MANYOK MICHEAL MACHAR	M	1	2	1	2	6	1
538419/012	WAIIRA IBRAHIM	M	1	2	2	2	7	1
538419/023	MUBIRU CLIVE LAWRENCE	M	1	2	2	2	7	1
538419/009	KIGGUNDU IMRAN MUGERWA	M	2	2	1	2	7	1
538419/004	BUKIRWA JOSLYNE BERNA	F	2	2	1	2	7	1
538419/011	LUETH MATHEW	M	2	2	2	2	8	1
538419/016	NALULE WINNIE	F	2	2	2	2	8	1
538419/019	NATTABI TYRA	F	2	2	2	2	8	1
538419/010	KOIRE CEASAR OPOLOT	M	2	2	2	3	9	1
538419/002	AYEETA HINMARK	M	2	2	2	3	9	1
538419/015	NAKAZZI MARIETTA ISABELLA	F	3	2	2	2	9	1
538419/014	MUKOOZA JUDE SEMAZZI	M	2	2	2	4	10	1
538419/008	KAWUMA RASHID IMRAN	M	3	2	2	4	11	1
538419/005	HATIM ANISHA FATUMA	F	3	2	2	6	12	1
538419/018	NAMULI FLORENCE TRINITY	F	3	2	2	6	12	1
538419/017	NAMUGGA JARIAT KALULE	F	2	3	3	5	13	2
538419/020	NSUTI CANAAN	M	3	5	6	5	19	2



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