

Overview of 2021 Results for graded National Qualifications



Overview of the ACM 2021



XSQA Alternative certification model 2021

Stage 1

Ongoing until April 2021

Teachers and lecturers access subject specific guidance, assessment resources and Understanding Standards materials and webinars from SQA.

Stage 2

From April to May 2021

School, college and local authority quality assurance continues. During May, SQA requests, reviews and provides feedback on samples of assessment evidence from each school and college.

Stage 3

End of May to 25 June 2021

Schools, colleges, local authorities and SQA work through final stages of local and national quality assurance and feedback to reach provisional results that are consistent, impartial and fair.

Stage 4

By 25 June 2021

Schools and colleges submit quality assured provisional results to SQA.

Stage 5

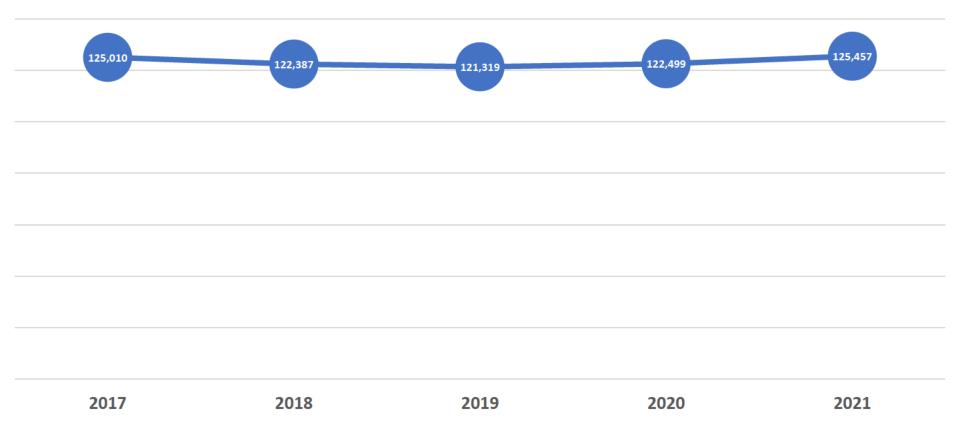
Appeals process

Appeals process open to early registration from learners.
Learners can continue to register.
Priority and non-priority.

Overview of outcomes from the 2021 Provisional Results

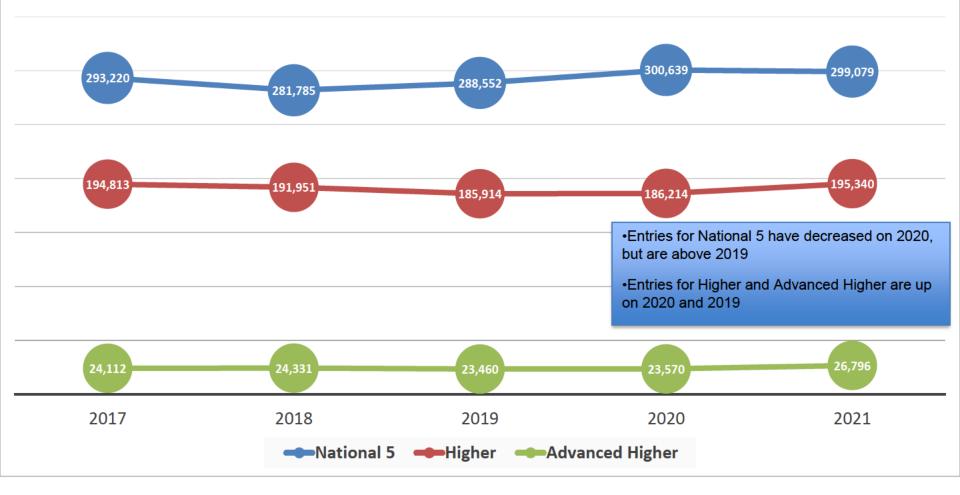


Number of Candidates



The number of candidates was the largest in past 5 years.

Entries 2017 - 2021



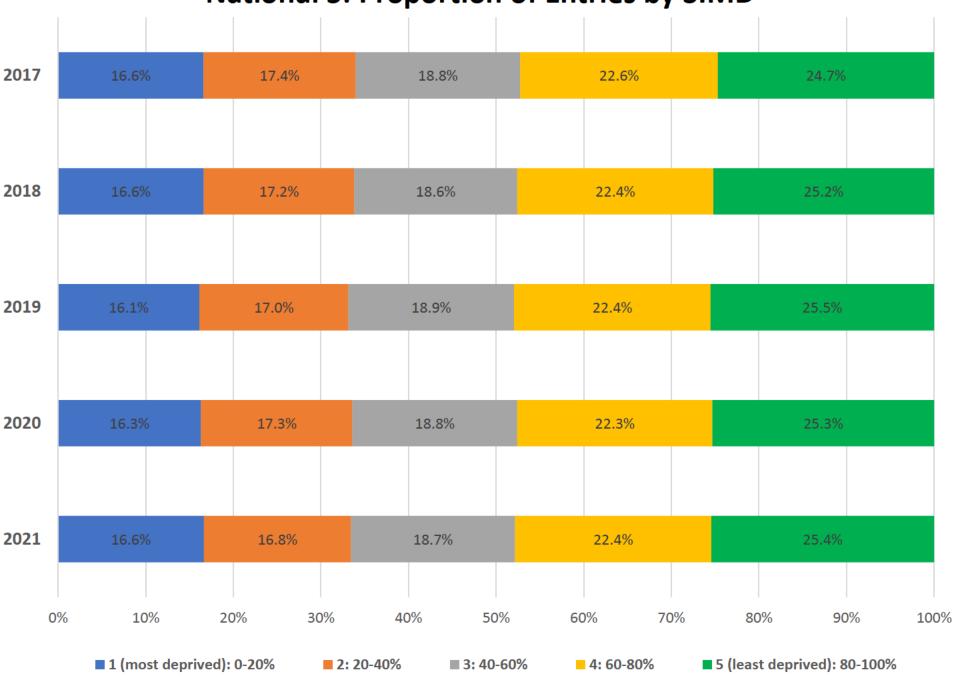
Total Entries per year

2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
512,145	498,067	497,926	510,423	521,215

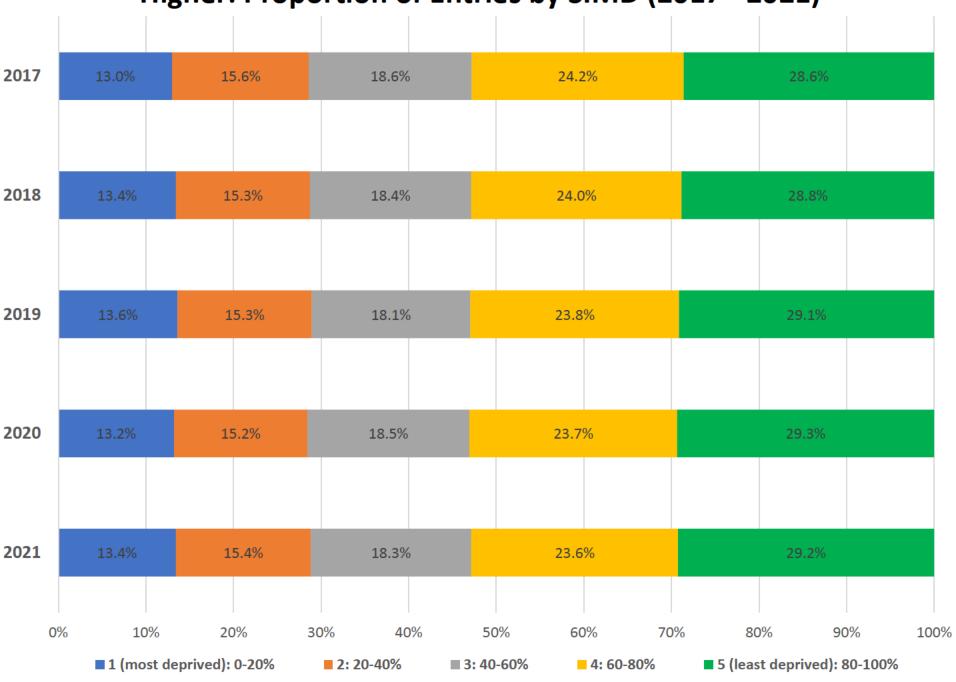
Proportion of Entries by SIMD

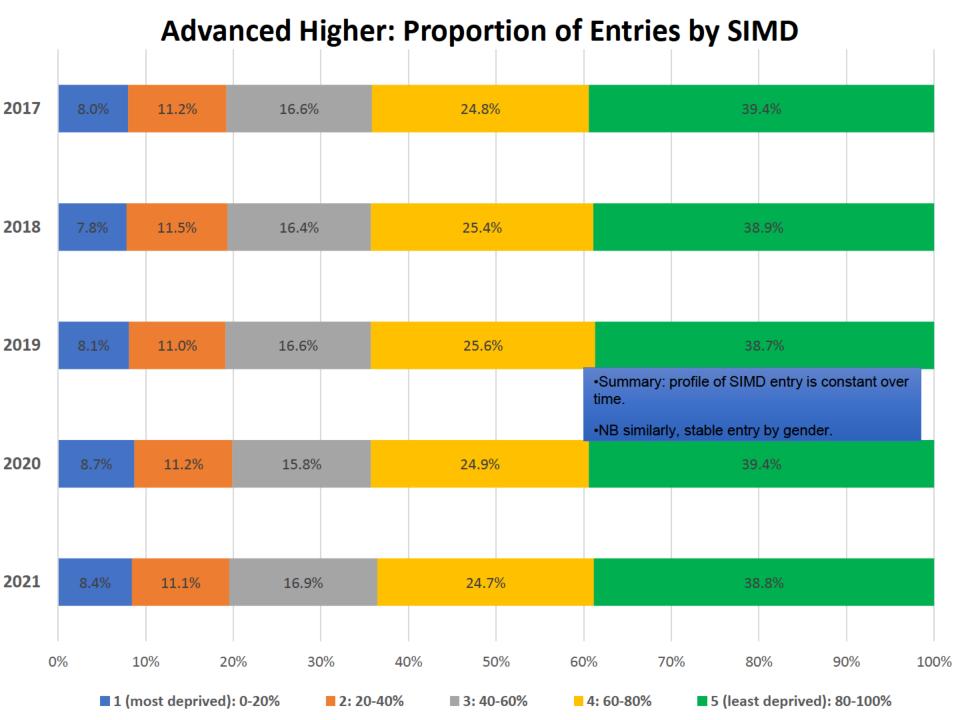


National 5: Proportion of Entries by SIMD



Higher: Proportion of Entries by SIMD (2017 - 2021)

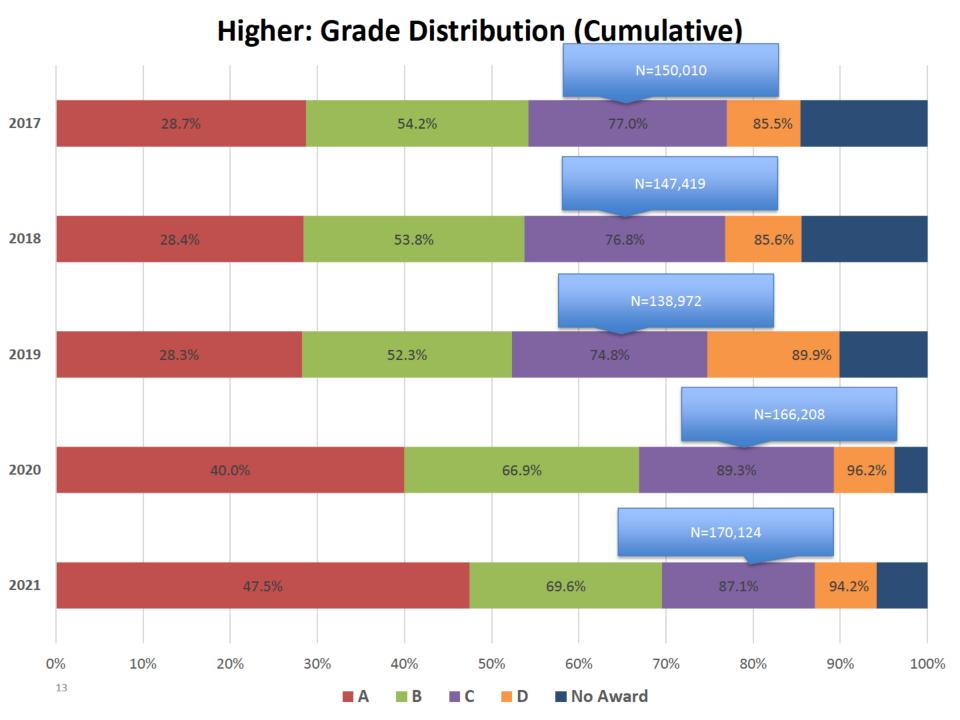


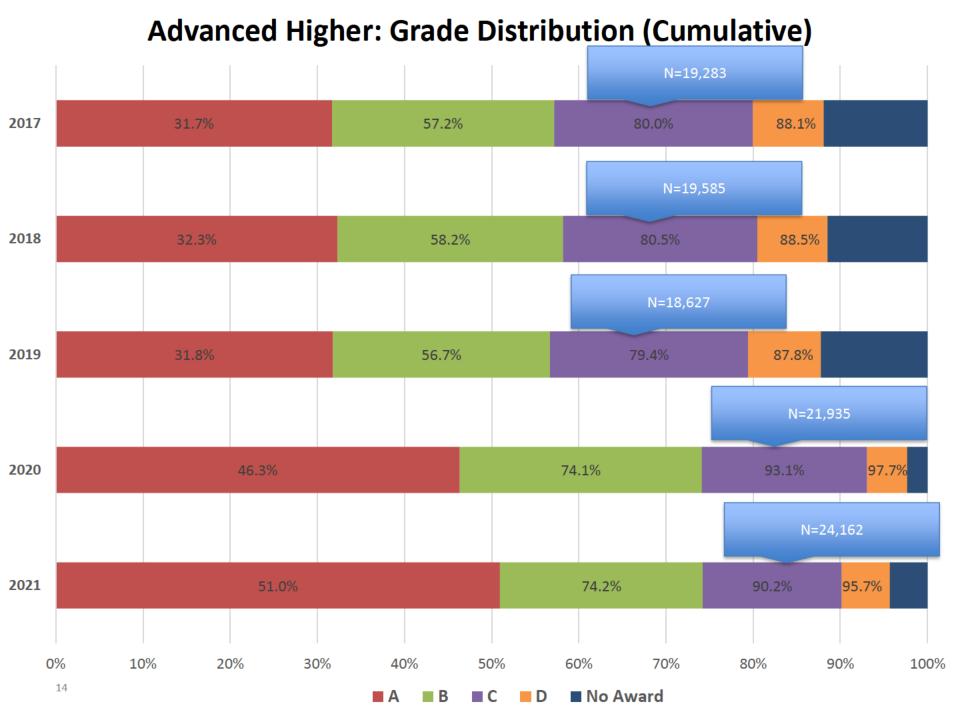


Grade Distribution



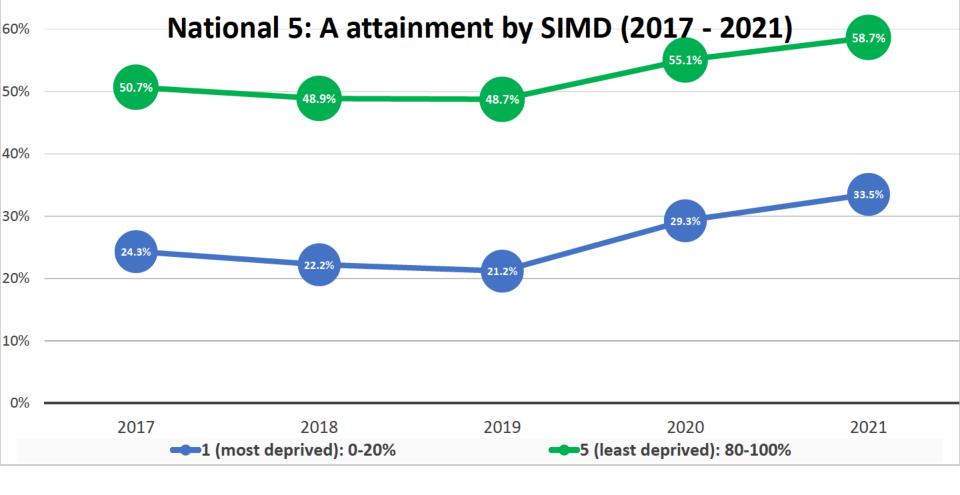
National 5: Grade Distribution (Cumulative) N=233,005 2017 86.0% 60.9% N=218,201 2018 58.2% 77.4% 89.8% N= 225,594 35.1% 2019 58.9% 90.7% N=267,558 2020 42.3% 67.0% 96.1% N=255,575 2021 46.5% 67.1% 85.5% 93.8% 0% 30% 60% 70% 10% 20% 40% 50% 80% 90% 100% 12 ■ D ■ No Award



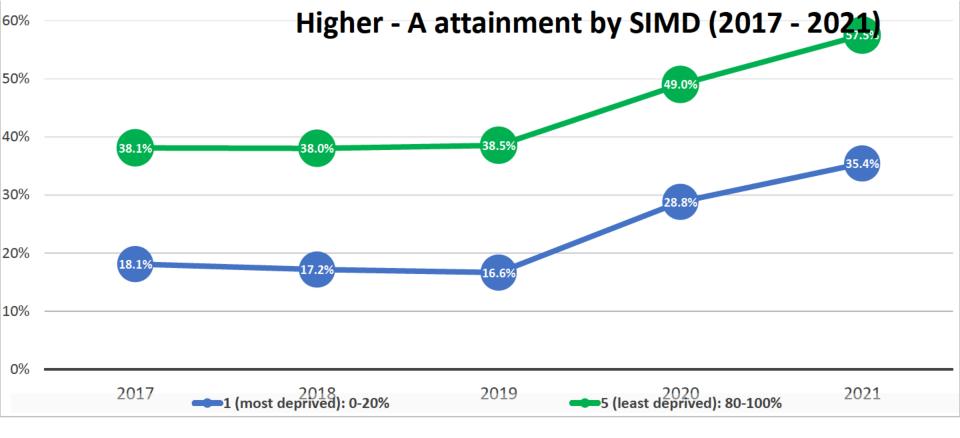


A attainment by SIMD

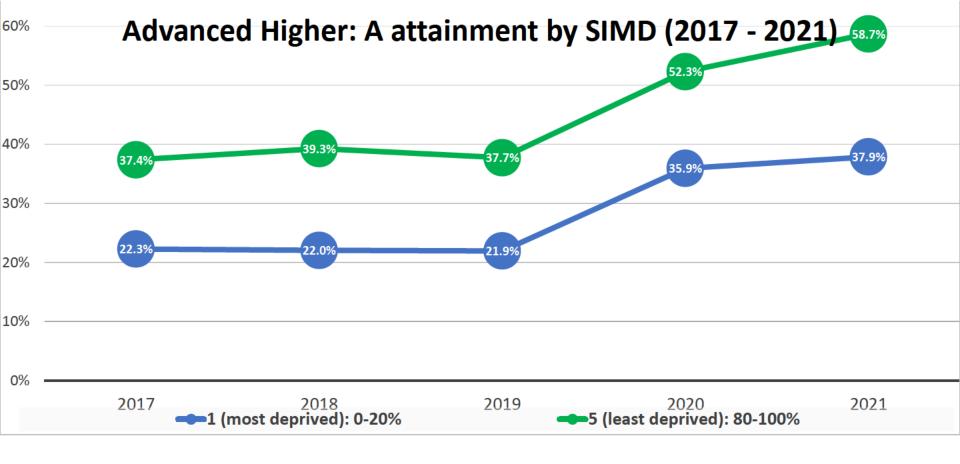




Difference in N5 A attainment between SIMD 5 and SIMD 1						
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
Difference	26.3 pp	26.6 pp	27.5 pp	25.8 pp	25.1 pp	



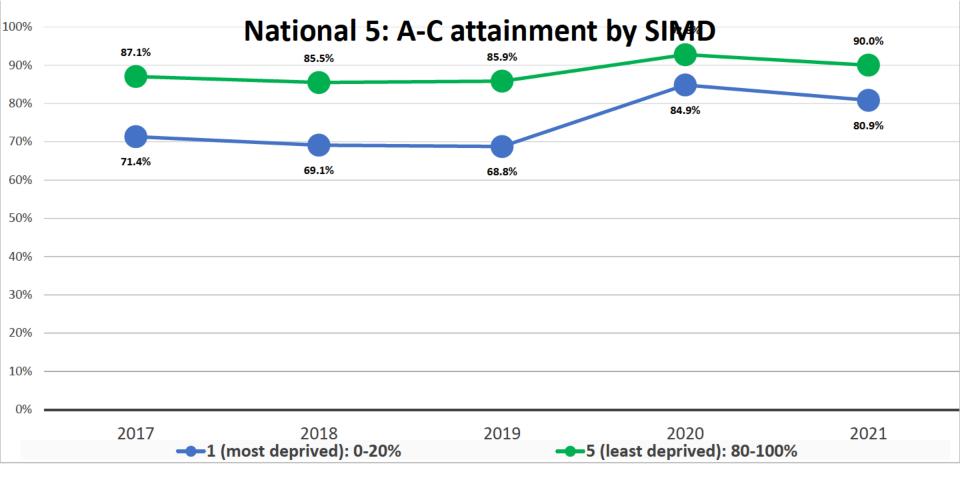
Difference in Higher A attainment between SIMD 5 and SIMD 1						
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
Difference	20.0 pp	20.9 pp	21.9 pp	20.2 pp	22.1 pp	



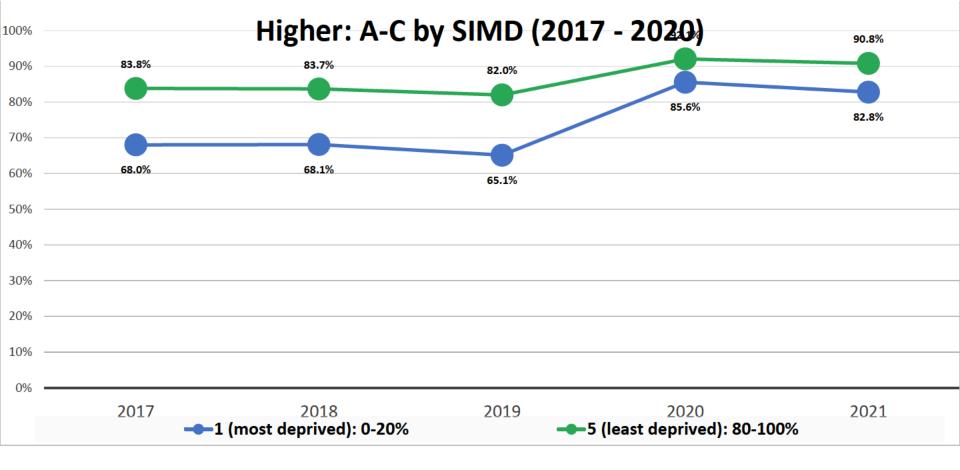
Difference in Advanced Higher A attainment between SIMD 5 and SIMD 1						
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
Difference	15.1 pp	17.2 pp	15.8 pp	16.4 pp	20.8 pp	

A-C rate by SIMD



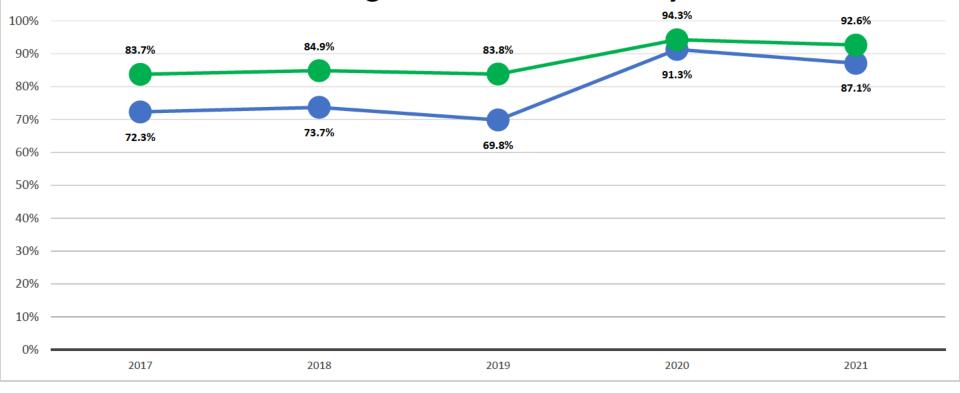


Difference in N5 A-C attainment between SIMD 5 and SIMD 1						
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
Difference	15.7 pp	16.4 pp	17.1 pp	7.9 pp	9.2 pp	



Difference in Higher A-C attainment between SIMD 5 and SIMD 1						
2017 2018 2019 2020						
Difference	15.8 pp	15.5 pp	16.9 pp	6.5 pp	8.0 pp	

Advanced Higher: A-C attainment by SIMD



Difference in Advanced Higher A-C attainment between SIMD 5 and SIMD 1						
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
Difference	11.4 pp	11.2 pp	14.0 pp	2.9 pp	5.5 pp	

Comms Summary/Plan



