

Frequently Asked Questions

Applied AS/A Level GCE Leisure Studies H128 H528

General questions

Will OCR make past papers available?

Yes. In response to centre demand, OCR publishes past papers for this qualification on the OCR website. These are free of charge.

Question papers from the most recent examination series are available to download from OCR Interchange, our free, secure website for centres. Further details are available from OCR Interchange.

Is a coursework consultancy service available for this qualification?

Yes. The coursework consultancy service is free and is designed to:

- Confirm centre assessment standards as indicated by the teacher.
- Provide guidance to the centre on possible improvements.
- Clarify the application of assessment criteria and provide guidance related to assessment as appropriate.

Centres will receive a written report from a senior moderator, sent with the return of submitted work.

Samples of work for coursework consultancy should be sent to:

Coursework Consultancy Administration Services
OCR
Progress House
Westwood Way
Coventry
CV4 8JQ

I am new to teaching GCE Leisure Studies. What support, training and other resources are available to help me improve my teaching?

OCR provides the following to support you in teaching this qualification:

- Coursework consultancy service – our free service to assist centres with assessment of coursework.
- Specimen assessment material, past papers and mark schemes.
- Teacher support guide, including evidence checklists and exemplar materials.
- Chief Examiner reports on the units from the January and June series.
- E-community – a virtual network for teachers delivering GCE Leisure Studies to share their knowledge, views and ideas.

- Inset training courses. Bespoke courses are also available – further details can be obtained from OCR Training.

You might also like to consider becoming an OCR Assessor. This gives you the opportunity to increase your professional development, boost your income and make a valuable contribution to assessment. We are particularly interested in receiving applications for Unit G182 – Leisure industry practice, and G184 – Human resources in the leisure industry.

When can candidates sit the externally-assessed units?

The units can be taken in the January and June assessment series.

What skills are developed through the study and assessment of this qualification?

Candidates need to demonstrate the following skills: problem-solving, research, evaluation, analysis, critical understanding and independent/team working.

What are the key benefits for learners undertaking GCE Leisure Studies?

- Developing practical and technical skills relevant to the leisure industry.
- Pursuing a qualification which covers the key areas of the leisure industry in a vocational context.
- Developing own values and attitudes in relation to leisure industry issues.

How is this qualification assessed?

- AS GCE: **two** units are assessed internally, through a teacher-assessed portfolio and **one** unit is assessed through an OCR-set and marked exam. All units are equally sized and weighted.
- Advanced GCE: **four** units are assessed internally, through a teacher-assessed portfolio and **two** units are assessed through an OCR-set and marked exam. All units are equally sized and weighted.

When will the revised specification be available?

The revised specification will be available for first teaching from September 2009. The revised specification is available to download from OCR's website.

What are the main changes to the revised specification?

Summary of changes to moderated units:

- Updated websites across all units as necessary or deleted if no longer accessible.
- Each piece of legislation within the units is now followed by '(or latest)'.
- G181: Customer Service - slightly amended wording in AO1 and AO3.
- G181: Customer Service AO4 changed 'principles' to 'delivery'.
- G183: Event Management – added 'including the planning stage' in AO4 across the mark bands. Also added reference to team theory within the specification.
- G180: Exploring Leisure – amendment to grid AO3.
- G185: Leisure in the Outdoors – small amends only.
- G184: Human Resources in the Leisure Industry - deleted the reference to 'dismissal' on p34.

How does this qualification fit with the Travel and Tourism Diploma?

This qualification can be used in Diploma Additional and Specialist Learning (ASL). Qualifications with the same barring classification code cannot be used to count towards the required number of ASL guided learning hours. Further information is available from the National Database of Accredited Qualifications (www.accreditedqualifications.org.uk)

I need help with how to interpret the requirements of a unit. What do I do?

Please email the OCR Customer Contact Centre on general.qualifications@ocr.org.uk

Your email will be forwarded to a subject specialist who will be able to answer your queries.