

New A Level Home Economics (Food, Nutrition and Health)

H111 and H511 replacing 3837 and 7837

Information for OCR centres transferring to **new specifications for first teaching in September 2008**

This document maps the current A Level Home Economics specification to the new specification for first teaching in September 2008. It includes information on the changes, support available and an outline of the new specification. It is intended to help ease the transition for Heads of Department and Teachers involved in the teaching of Home Economics.

The full specification is available online along with a short questionnaire enabling you to share your comments on the specification and help shape the materials developed to support it. For more information including answers to frequently asked questions visit www.ocr.org.uk/14-19alevels

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Mapping the changes to the A Level Home Economics specification for first teaching September 2008

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Existing specification						
Current unit title	Unit code	What remains the same?	What is changing?	Why is it changing?	Guidance	
AS	Human Need	2721 Mandatory 15% (A Level) 1hr 30mins exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment - 1 hour 30 mins exam. Externally assessed. Retained sections on demography, family & society and key issues for society eg: poverty, employment' leisure, housing, social issues including the welfare state and health problems and Health of the Nation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unit title changed to: Society and Health. Added in environmental issues eg: recycling. Removed the development of the health and social care provision since 1945. Weighting for the full A Level is now 25%. New unit code G001. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The development of health and social care provision since 1945 was removed to update the specification. Added environmental issues as this is relevant to changing life styles. The unit title has changed to reflect the more up-to-date content. 	
	Resource Management	2722 Mandatory 15% (A Level) 1.5hr exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unit title remains the same. Assessment - 1 hour 30 mins exam. Externally assessed. Retained Management of resources and financial awareness. Retained Food Provision, Food Preparation and Cooking Equipment. Retained selection and purchase of food and household goods. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weighting for the full A Level is now 25% Removed Housing. The teaching of food provision and food preparation and cooking equipment sections will be different. Consumer rights has been included in this unit from the existing consumer studies paper. Food contamination, food handling and monitoring standards are now under a new heading – Food Safety and Hygiene. Removed Health of the Nation. New unit code G002. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is expected that candidates will undertake a range of practical activities relating to the following specification areas: Food Provision and Food Preparation and Cooking Equipment to ensure candidates experience some practical activities. The Health of the Nation has been removed as it is studied in depth in Unit 1. Housing has been removed as this is included in Unit 1. 	
AS	Home Economics Study 1	2723 Mandatory 20% (A Level) Courseweek		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This unit will be removed completely. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced the amount of coursework in line with centre feedback – candidates are being asked to produce less coursework. 	
A2	Nutrition	2724 Optional 15% (A Level) 1.5hr exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This unit and unit 2726 have been amalgamated. Assessment - 1 hour 30 mins exam. Externally assessed. Retained Concepts of Nutrition, Nutrients and Energy, Nutritional and Dietary Needs of Different Groups and Developments in the Food Industry. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unit title changed to: Nutrition and Food Production. Weighting for the full A Level is now 25%. Properties of Food, Design, development and production of food titles have changed but content is similar eg – food packaging and risk assessment remains the same. Some of the food technology content of the present specification has been reduced to place more emphasis on the nutritional aspect of the course. New unit code G004. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is more emphasis on nutrition in this unit in line with centre feedback. 	

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A2 Consumer Studies	2725 Optional 15% (A Level) 1hr exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This unit has been removed, but some content has been subsumed into the other external units. 			
A2 Food Technology	2726 Optional 15% (A Level) 1hr exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2724 and 2726 have been amalgamated. 			
A2 Home Economics Study 2	2727 Mandatory 20% (A Level) Coursework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students are still required to demonstrate psychomotor skills. Students are still required to cover areas of research, planning, development, communication, creativity and evaluation. Candidates still select an appropriate context and title. Internally assessed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overall title to be confirmed by QCA – Proposed title is Home Economics Investigative Study. 25% weighting. Candidates required to complete one coursework unit. Assessment criteria has been clarified. New unit code G003. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overall assessment criteria has been re-written in line with centre feedback to clarify the coursework requirements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is coursework guidance in the specification for the delivery of Unit 3 along with exemplar coursework titles.

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	New unit title	New unit code	Benefits to me and my learners	Support
AS	Society and Health	G001 Mandatory 50% (AS) 1.5hr written paper 75 marks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourages candidates to develop an understanding of issues relating to Society and Health, Resource Management, Nutrition and Food Production as well as investigating an area of content in the Coursework Study. • Covers areas that are essential for a career in Nutrition, Food Science, Sports Science, Food Technology, Consumer protection. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAMs material for each of the 4 units available. • INSET Training will be available. • External publications available.
	Resource Management	G002 Mandatory 50% (AS) 1.5hr written paper 75 marks		
A2	Coursework Study	G003 Mandatory 25% of the total Advanced GCE marks Coursework 100 marks Coursework		
	Nutrition and Food Production	G004 Mandatory 25% of the total Advanced GCE marks 1.5hr written paper 75 marks		