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Notice to centres

Withdrawal of Curriculum 2000 GCE specifications

Assessment arrangements during the transition from current (legacy) specifications to new specifications

The JCO awarding bodies wish to remind GCE centres of the assessment arrangements during the transition from current (legacy) specifications to new specifications. Individual awarding bodies will notify centres of the particular arrangements for their own specifications. The following table lists the proposed **minimum** assessment opportunities for the period covering the withdrawal of the current (legacy) GCE specifications and the phasing in of the newly accredited specifications.

Examination series	Current (legacy) specifications	New specifications
January 2009	Only those AS and A2 units that are normally offered in the winter series will be available. <i>Certification of AS and A level possible.</i>	Those AS units that are shown in the specification as being available in this series are offered. <i>No certification of new AS possible.</i>
June 2009	All AS and A2 units that are normally offered in the summer series will be available. <i>Certification of AS and A level possible.</i>	All AS units offered. <i>Certification of new AS possible.</i>
January 2010*	Externally assessed A2 units available if notification of intention to enter received by AB. This will be the final re-sit opportunity for these A2 units. <i>Certification of AS and A level possible.</i>	Those AS and A2 units that are shown in the specification as being available in this series are offered. <i>Certification of new AS possible.</i>
June 2010 [§]	No units offered. <i>No certification possible.</i>	All AS and A2 units available. <i>Certification of AS and A level possible.</i>

* An awarding body may, in addition, choose also to offer externally assessed AS units in this series.

§ An awarding body may choose to offer some externally assessed A2 units and also AS and A level certification in this series.

In light of this schedule for withdrawal given overleaf, students embarking upon a one year programme leading to the award of an AS qualification in June 2009 are reminded of the fact that the June 2009 examination series is intended to be the last one in which legacy AS units will normally be examined. Centres may therefore wish to prepare these students for examinations in the AS units of the new specifications, which will permit an entry for re-sits in a subsequent examination series, should that need arise.

The JCO awarding bodies will not routinely transfer credit from current (legacy) AS specifications to new A level specifications. It will not be possible for students to combine legacy and new units to make up a whole A level qualification. Transfer of credit is only possible between specifications that have been written to the same criteria.