

## NOTICE TO CENTRES

FAO: Teachers of GCE Law, Examinations Officers and Heads of Centre

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Subject: GCE Law

### TRANSITION BETWEEN THE SPECIFICATIONS

This communication is intended reiterate and reinforce the information provided in the June 2007 **TRANSITION BETWEEN THE SPECIFICATIONS** Notice.

The following table shows how OCR's current GCE Law specifications will be phased out (the '6-unit' specifications (3839/7839) and the current '4-unit' specifications (H124/H524)) and how the new '4-unit' specifications (H134/H534) will be introduced.

Please note that **all** legacy GCE A-Level A2 units from the current '4-unit' specification (H124/H524) will now also be made available for final re-sit in the June 2010 series. This change is highlighted in the first table.

The new '4-unit' specifications (H134/H534) are being introduced in line with the 14-19 government requirements for all A-Levels. The proposed changes have incorporated stretch and challenge into the specifications and have included a review of synoptic assessment.

**These specifications (H134/H534) can be downloaded from the OCR website.**  
[http://www.ocr.org.uk/14-19/14-19\\_alevelquals.html](http://www.ocr.org.uk/14-19/14-19_alevelquals.html)

The third page of this Notice gives the themes and availability for the Special Study units for each of the three specifications.

To summarise:

- The current '6-unit' Law specifications (3839/7839) have been superseded by the current '4-unit' Law specifications (H124/H524) for first teaching from September 2006.
- Final certification for the current '6-unit' specification will be in January 2008; the final re-sit session.
- The AS units for the current '4-unit' specifications (H124/H524) were offered for the first time in January 2007. The A2 units will be offered for the first time in January 2008.
- Final certification for the current '4-unit' specification (H124/H524) will be in June 2010, with June 2009 being the final AS re-sit session and June 2010 the final A2 re-sit session.
- The AS units for the new '4-unit' specification (H134/H534) will be offered for the first time in January 2009 and the A2 units for the first time in January 2010.

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	6-unit specification 3839/7839 (AS units 2568 – 2570 inclusive) (A2 units 2571 – 2579 inclusive)	4-unit specification H124/H524 (AS units G141 – G142 inclusive) (A2 units G143 – G148 inclusive)	4-unit specification H134/H534* (AS units G151 – G152 inclusive) (A2 units G153 – G158 inclusive)
<b>September 2006</b>	Final cohort begins A2 units.	First teaching begins of AS units.	
<b>January 2007</b>	All AS and A2 units available. AS and A2 certification available.	Only AS units available. Certification is not available.	
<b>June 2007</b>	All AS and A2 units available. AS and A2 certification available.	Only AS units available. AS certification available.	
<b>September 2007</b>		Final cohort begins AS units.	Approved specification issued to centres.
<b>January 2008</b>	All AS and A2 units available. Final certification opportunity.	All AS and A2 units available. Only AS certification available.	
<b>June 2008</b>		All AS and A2 units available. AS and A2 certification available.	
<b>September 2008</b>		Final cohort begins A2 units.	First teaching begins of AS units.
<b>January 2009</b>		All AS and A2 units available. AS and A2 certification available.	Only AS units available. Certification is not available.
<b>June 2009</b>		All AS and A2 units available. AS and A2 certification available.	Only AS units available. AS certification available.
<b>September 2009</b>			First teaching begins of A2 units.
<b>January 2010</b>		Only A2 units available. AS and A2 certification available.	All AS and A2 units available. Only AS certification available.
<b>June 2010 onwards</b>		<b>Only A2 units available</b> <b>Final certification opportunity.</b>	All AS and A2 units available. AS and A2 certification available.

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Special Study Themes	6-unit specification 3839/7839 (final availability January 2008)	4-unit specification H124/H524** (valid from January 2008 to <b>June 2010</b> )  Hard copies of the pre-released materials will be available by <b>Summer 2007.</b>	4-unit specification H134/H534** (valid from January 2010 to <b>June 2010</b> )  Hard copies of the pre-released materials will be available by <b>Summer 2009.</b>
<b>Criminal Law</b>	Robbery and burglary Section 8 and 9 Theft Act 1968	The defences of duress, duress of circumstances and necessity.	Non-fatal offences and the defence of consent.
<b>Law of Contract</b>	Frustration and the Law Reform (Frustrated Contracts) Act 1943	Aspects of consideration (adequacy and sufficiency, past consideration and performance of existing duties as consideration.	Judicial and statutory control of exemption clauses.
<b>Law of Torts</b>	Causation in fact and the Law Reform (Contributory Negligence) Act 1945	Nervous shock (psychiatric damage)	Occupiers' Liability for lawful visitors and trespassers.

The H134/H534 specifications can be downloaded from the OCR website.

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\*\* Although there will not be a source in the Special Study materials or a Special Study examination question specifically related to the English Legal System, the underlying theme remains of the role of judges, precedent, the application of statutory materials and the development of law.

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