

## Edexcel GCE PE (GCE 2008) Information for AQA Centres

Like the new Edexcel specification, the AQA course is made up of 4 units with a split in each year between an examined theoretical unit and a practical coursework unit. In the AQA specification the examined Units are worth 60% of the AS and 30% of the total A level grade, with Edexcel there is a 50%-50% split giving students more chance to pick up marks through their practical sports performance and related coursework. In terms of unit content there is a close match between the AQA and the new Edexcel units.

AQA Unit Content	New Content	Deleted content
Unit 1 - PHED1 Opportunities for the effects of leading a healthy and active lifestyle • Applied exercise physiology • Skill acquisition • Opportunities for participation	Unit 1 - 6PE01 Participation in sport and recreation Healthy & Active lifestyles • Effects of exercise • Fitness and training • Development of competitive sport • Performance pathways • Lifelong involvement	There is no exam assessment of skill acquisition this is covered in the practical element of Unit 2. The Edexcel specification makes delivery of this section more straightforward as all content is delivered and assed in the one unit. In the AQA course large chunks of content such as training methods and teaching styles are delivered through Unit 2 but assessed in the Unit 1 exam.
<ul> <li>Unit 2 -PHED2</li> <li>Analysis and evaluation of physical activity as a performer and/or in an adopted role/s <ul> <li>Part A: Ability as a performer, official or leader.</li> <li>Part B: Application of theoretical knowledge for effective performance.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Unit 2 - 6PE02 The critical Sports performer Personal performance Local study of sport National study of sport Performance analysis	In the AQA specification a candidate must be assessed in two roles from two different sports activities. In the Edexcel course candidates can choose just one sports activity and be assessed in two roles from that sport. Part B of the AQA specification is assessed through the Unit 1 exam. In the Edxecel course the analysis section is assessed through three coursework tasks.

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<ul> <li>Unit 3 - PHED 3</li> <li>Optimising performance and evaluating contemporary issues within sport <ul> <li>Applied physiology to optimise performance</li> <li>Psychological aspects that optimise performance</li> <li>Evaluating contemporary influences</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Unit 3 - 6PE03 Preparation for optimum sports performance • Short-term preparation - Short-term physiological - Short-term technical - Short-term technical - Fatigue and recovery • Long-term preparation - Long-term physiological - Long-term psychological - Long-term technical • Managing Elite performance	The Edexcel course is very applied allowing candidates to link the theoretical topics to their own sports and roles. There are close links to contemporary global sports events. The AQA specification includes a compulsory section on mechanics. The Edexcel specification approaches this area from a more technical view looking at the use of equipment and kit in optimising sports performance.
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<ul> <li>Unit 4 - PHED 4</li> <li>Optimising practical performance in a competitive situation: <ul> <li>Part A: Practical performance.</li> <li>Part B: Observation, analysis and critical evaluation.</li> <li>Part C: Application of knowledge and understanding to optimise performance.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Unit 4 - 6PE04 The developing sports performer • Development plan • International study of sport • Progressive participation • Life plan	AQA candidates are assessed in three areas of assessment through a range of centre-chosen activities, Edexcel candidates are assessed through 4 prescribed tasks. In both specifications candidates will be assessed in one role (performer/leader/official) from one sports activity. The Edexcel specification requires the candidates to complete a 'life plan' which requires them to research their own personal opportunities for participation in the future.
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## **Information for OCR Centres**

Like the new Edexcel specification, the OCR course is made up of 4 units with a split in each year between an examined theoretical unit and a practical coursework unit. In the OCR specification the examined Units are worth 60% of the AS and 30% of the final A level grade, with Edexcel there is a 50%-50% split giving students more chance to pick up marks through their practical sports performance and related coursework. In terms of unit content there is a close match between the OCR and the new Edexcel units.

OCR Unit Content	New Content	Deleted content
Unit 1 - G451 An introduction to physical education Anatomy and Physiology (Section A) The skeletal and muscular systems Motion and movement The cardiovascular and respiratory systems Acquiring Movement Skills (Section B) Classification of motor skills and abilities The development of motor skills Information processing Motor control of skills in physical activity Learning skills in physical activity Socio-Cultural Studies (Section C) Physical activity Sport and culture Contemporary sporting issues	<ul> <li>Unit 1 - 6PE01 Participation in sport and recreation</li> <li>Healthy &amp; Active lifestyles <ul> <li>Effects of exercise</li> <li>Fitness and training</li> <li>Development of competitive sport</li> <li>Performance pathways</li> <li>Lifelong involvement</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	There is no exam assessment of skill acquisition (Acquiring Movement Skills) this is covered in the practical element of Unit 2. The Edexcel specification makes delivery of this section more straightforward as all content is delivered through the practical unit.





Unit 2 C4E2 Acquiring developing and	Upit 2 60E02 The critical sports	In the AOA specification a condidate must be
Unit 2 - G452 Acquiring, developing and	Unit 2 - 6PE02 The critical sports	In the AQA specification a candidate must be
evaluating practical skills in Physical Education	performer	assessed in two roles from two different sports
This unit is made up of two assessments:	Personal performance	Activities in the Edexcel course candidates can
performance	<ul> <li>Local study of sport</li> </ul>	choose just one sports activity and be assessed in
<ul> <li>evaluating and planning for their</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>National study of sport</li> </ul>	two roles from that sport.
improvement of performance.	Performance analysis	
		OCR candidates must choose two chosen activities
Candidates will be assessed in:	Candidates are assed in two roles	from two different prescribed activity profiles.
1. performing two chosen activities from two	from performer/leader/official.	
different activity profiles and evaluating and		OCR candidates need to submit 40 minutes of video
planning for the improvement of performance		record for each of their two roles. There is no
OR		compulsory requirement of video for Edexcel
		candidates.
2. performing one chosen activity and		
coaching/leading one chosen activity from two		
different activity profiles, together with		
evaluating and planning for the improvement of		
performance		
OR		
3. performing one chosen activity and officiating		
one chosen activity from two different activities,		
together with evaluating and planning for the		
improvement of performance.		





<ul> <li>Unit 3 - G453</li> <li>Principle and concepts across different areas of physical education</li> <li>Section A: Socio-cultural Options <ul> <li>Historical Studies (Option A1)</li> <li>Comparative Studies (Option A2)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Section B: Scientific Options <ul> <li>Sports Psychology (Option B1)</li> <li>Biomechanics (Option B2)</li> <li>Exercise and Sport Physiology (Option B3)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Unit 3 - 6PE03 Preparation for optimum sports performance • Short-term preparation - Short-term physiological - Short-term technical - Short-term technical - Fatigue and recovery • Long-term preparation - Long-term physiological - Long-term psychological - Long-term technical • Managing elite performance	The Edexcel course is very applied allowing candidates to link the theoretical topics to their own sports and roles. There are close links to contemporary global sports events. The OCR specification requires candidates to answer questions from three of the five possible options, with at least one option from section A (socio- cultural options) and includes a compulsory section on mechanics.
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Unit 4 - G454	Unit 4 - 6PE04	OCR candidates are assessed in one of the roles.
The improvement of effective performance and	The developing sports performer	They need to submit a log of activity and an analysis
the critical evaluation of practical activities in	<ul> <li>Development plan</li> </ul>	of a live performance by another candidate in their
PE	<ul> <li>International study of sport</li> </ul>	own assessment activity.
Candidates will be assessed in:	Progressive participation	,
1. performing one chosen activity from one of the	<b>o</b> 1 1	Edexcel candidates are assessed through four
activity profiles and the evaluation, appreciation	Life plan	prescribed tasks. In both specifications candidates
and improvement of performance		will be assessed in one role
2. coaching/leading one chosen activity from one	Candidates are assessed in one	(performer/leader/official) from 1 sports activity.
of the activity profiles and the evaluation,	role from	
	performer/leader/official in one	The Edexcel specification requires the candidates to
appreciation and improvement of performance	sporting activity.	complete a 'life plan', which requires them to
3. officiating one chosen activity from one of the	sporting dotting.	research their own personal opportunities for
activity profiles and the evaluation, appreciation		participation in the future.
and improvement of performance.		OCR candidates need to submit 40 minutes of video
Assessment is through performance log and		record for each of their two roles. There is no
analysis of live performance.		compulsory requirement of video for Edexcel
		candidates.

