

## New GCSE 2009 Business



How might your candidates' journey through the new New GCSE 2009 Business differ to that taken through the old specification?

Modular -	greater flexibility in sitting exams when your students are ready and opportunities to improve at a later stage
Re-sits -	only one resit opportunity for each unit is available
Terminal requirement -	at least 40% of the entire GCSE must be completed at the end of the course, this means that for GCSE Business at least two units must be taken in the final examination session
Uniform Mark Scale -	candidates' best marks are stored for aggregation at the end of the course, ensuring their best performance is awarded, however the scores for the units being used to satisfy the terminal rule will be used even if they are lower than those held in the bank
The GCSE standard -	all units are assessed at the GCSE standard in whichever exam series they are offered

Example of how your candidates' experience of the new specification might differ to that of the old.

Please note that this example is not necessarily indicative of how the course should be sat or the the number of hours required to deliver the course but an example of one of the ways that the qualification might be approached. There may be alternative ways to approach the qualification.

### Old GCSE Business Studies (1503)

		JUNE	weightings %	Mode	Max Sbj Mark	
ACQUIRING GCSE SKILLS						
1503 1/2			75	Exam	100	Overall grade
1503/03			25	Coursework		

### New GCSE 2009 Business (2HB01)

Unit availability				weightings %	Mode	Max UMS Mark	
JAN	JUNE	JAN	JUNE				
5BS01; 5BS06	5BS01; 5BS02; 5BS03; 5BS04; 5BS05; 5BS06	5BS01; 5BS06	5BS01; 5BS02; 5BS03; 5BS04; 5BS05; 5BS06				
ACQUIRING GCSE SKILLS							
5BS01: Introduction to Small Business		Re-sit opportunity		25	Exam	50	Overall grade
5BS02: CA				25	Controlled	50	
		5BS03*: Building a Business		50	Exam	100	

\*In this example this unit satisfies the terminal assessment requirement. In Unit 1 the best banked mark will count towards the final grade.

If you intend to use a re-sit to make up the 40% terminal assessment rule, then the resit mark will count, even if it is worse than the original mark.

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