

NOTICE TO CENTRES

FAO: Exams Officer, Head of Science Department, Teacher of GCSE Environmental and Land-based Science

Date: September 2011

Subject: GCSE (legacy) Environmental and Land-based Science (J650)

Entry codes for GCSE (legacy) Environmental and Land-based Science (J650) January and June 2012

OCR's **new** specification for GCSE Environmental and Land-based Science (J721) has options for candidates to take computer-based tests (CBT) or conventional written paper examinations.

We have decided to make similar options available for the remaining examination series (January and June 2012) for the **legacy** specification (J650). For each of units B491–B495, each candidate may be entered for either a computer-based test or a written paper, and for either foundation tier or higher tier. These options are indicated in the entry codes as follows:

- FC Computer-based test; foundation tier
- HC Computer-based test; higher tier
- FP Written paper; foundation tier
- HP Written paper; higher tier

The OCR *Admin Guide: 14–19 Qualifications 2011/12* includes the full entry codes for each unit. The relevant page for GCSE (**Legacy**) Environmental and Land-based Science (J650) is included below for reference.

The entry codes for the **new** specification for GCSE Environmental and Land-based Science (J721) can be found in Section 8.2 of the specification and in the *Admin Guide*, both of which can be downloaded from the [OCR website](http://www.ocr.org.uk).

If you have any queries about this notice, please call our Customer Contact Centre on 01223 553998.

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ENVIRONMENTAL AND LAND-BASED SCIENCE (Unitised)			Availability		Max Uniform Mark
			January 2012 1A12	June 2012 6A12	
Entry Codes and Rules of Combination					
J650	GCSE Environmental and Land-based Science	(Certification) QRN: 10061721	!	!	300
For a certificate candidates must have taken the following two mandatory units:					
B496	Unit 6 – Coursework Portfolio Unit 3 – Management of the Natural Environment at either Foundation or Higher		–	M ^R	150
B493FC	01 Computer-based test Foundation Tier		CB	CB	34
B493HC	02 Computer-based test Higher Tier		CB	CB	50
B493FP	03 Written paper Foundation Tier		T	T	34
B493HP	04 Written paper Higher Tier		T	T	50
and two from Units 1, 2, 4 and 5 at either Foundation or Higher:					
Unit 1 – Plant Cultivation					
B491FC	01 Computer-based test Foundation Tier		CB	CB	34
B491HC	02 Computer-based test Higher Tier		CB	CB	50
B491FP	03 Written paper Foundation Tier		T	T	34
B491HP	04 Written paper Higher Tier		T	T	50
Unit 2 – Amenity Horticulture					
B492FC	01 Computer-based test Foundation Tier		CB	CB	34
B492HC	02 Computer-based test Higher Tier		CB	CB	50
B492FP	03 Written paper Foundation Tier		T	T	34
B492HP	04 Written paper Higher Tier		T	T	50
Unit 4 – Care of Animals					
B494FC	01 Computer-based test Foundation Tier		CB	CB	34
B494HC	02 Computer-based test Higher Tier		CB	CB	50
B494FP	03 Written paper Foundation Tier		T	T	34
B494HP	04 Written paper Higher Tier		T	T	50
Unit 5 – Livestock Husbandry					
B495FC	01 Computer-based test Foundation Tier		CB	CB	34
B495HC	02 Computer-based test Higher Tier		CB	CB	50
B495FP	03 Written paper Foundation Tier		T	T	34
B495HP	04 Written paper Higher Tier		T	T	50
Notes: It is not obligatory for candidates to enter for units B491-B495 at the same tier. However, candidates may not attempt a unit at both tiers, or in written paper and computer-based test format, in the same examination series.					

! To gain a final certificate for unitised specifications, separate unit **and** certification entries **must** be made.

Key to availability

–	= Not available this series	▲	= Any scaling applied to Task 1 will be applied on a pro-rata basis to Task 2
C	= Carry forward component mark	CB	= Computer-based test
M ^P	= Moderated: postal	M ^R	= Moderated: OCR Repository
T	= Timetabled	VE	= OCR visiting examiner
		E	= Examiner-marked coursework/set assignment
		M ^V	= Moderated: visiting moderator
		W	= Exams that take place in a testing window