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## NOTICE TO CENTRES

FAO: Examination Officers, Heads of Departments and Teachers of Mathematics specifications.

Date: September 2010

Subject: Withdrawal of OCR GCSE Mathematics specifications

### ASSESSMENT ARRANGEMENTS DURING THE TRANSITION FROM CURRENT (LEGACY) SPECIFICATIONS TO NEW SPECIFICATIONS for **GCSE MATHEMATICS ONLY**.

This notice applies to the withdrawal of current (legacy) GCSE MATHEMATICS specifications that are to be superseded by GCSE qualifications introduced for first teaching in September 2010.

The following table lists the assessment opportunities for OCR GCSE qualifications for the period covering the withdrawal of the current (legacy) GCSE specifications and the phasing in of the newly accredited specifications.

Examination series	Current (legacy) specifications	New specifications
<b>November 2010</b>	No units available in this series. <i>No certification possible.</i>	Those units that are shown in the specification as being available in this series will be offered.  <i>No certification possible.</i>
<b>January 2011</b>	Only those units that are normally offered in the winter series will be available.  <i>Certification possible.</i>	Those units that are shown in the specification as being available in this series will be offered.  <i>No certification possible.</i>
<b>March 2011</b>	Only those units that are normally offered in the March series will be available.  <i>No certification possible.</i>	No units available in this series.  <i>No certification possible.</i>
<b>June 2011</b>	All units and terminal examinations available.  <i>Certification possible.</i>	Those units that are shown in the specification as being available in this series will be offered.  <i>No certification possible.</i>
<b>November 2011</b>	No units available in this series.  <i>No certification possible.</i>	Those units that are shown in the specification as being available in this series will be offered.  <i>No certification possible.</i>
<b>January 2012</b>	All units and terminal examinations available.  <i>Certification possible.</i>	Those units that are shown in the specification as being available in this series will be offered.  <i>No certification possible.</i>

<b>Examination series</b>	<b>Current (legacy) specifications</b>	<b>New specifications</b>
<b>March 2012</b>	No examinations offered. <i>No certification possible.</i>	No units available in this series. <i>No certification possible.</i>
<b>June 2012</b>	No examinations offered. <i>No certification possible.</i>	All units, components and terminal examinations available. <i>Certification possible.</i>

It is important to note that **the final opportunity for assessment and aggregation for current (legacy) GCSE specifications will be January 2012**. No assessment or aggregation will be available for these qualifications after the **January 2012** examination series.

**It will not be possible for students to combine legacy and new units to make up a whole GCSE qualification.** OCR **cannot** transfer credit from current (legacy) GCSE specifications to new GCSE specifications.

Any enquiry about this notice should be referred to the OCR Customer Contact Centre, (01223 553998), OCR, 1 Hills Road, Cambridge, CB1 2EU.