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# Notice of changes to GCE Economics A specification and SAMs

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## Notice of changes to the AS and A Level specification and Sample Assessment Materials (SAMs)

In early 2015, our GCE Economics A qualification was accredited. Since then, we've been speaking with teachers and colleagues and have found that there are a few instances where we could clarify our subject content to ensure we are being as clear as possible. We have also found a few minor errors in the specifications and SAMs that we wanted to be sure we updated. A list of the minor changes we have made is below.

### Notice about the Paper 3 Evaluate Mark Scheme

We have also made one larger change to the mark schemes for the 25 mark questions on Paper 3. We are very sorry to say that an incorrect version of the Evaluation Mark Grid for Paper 3 25 mark questions was originally produced in the SAMs. The incorrect version had a different mark scheme for the Evaluation grid in Paper 3 than the Evaluation mark grid in Papers 1 and 2. The intention was always for the Evaluation mark grid to be consistent across all three papers, making it very clear that all 25-mark questions have the same expectations for the evaluation Assessment Objective. We are very sorry that this mistake has appeared and hope that updating it makes preparing students for the evaluate question much more clear. The new mark schemes for these questions has been added to pages 118, 120, 126, 128 of the A Level SAMs.

There is also a minor change to the level 4 descriptor in the KAA mark grid for the 25-mark questions in Paper3.

### AS Specification updates

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Change to wording of section 4.1.9 c) subject content <i>Now reads 'problems of being internationally <b>un</b>competitive' instead of 'problems of being internationally competitive'</i>	31
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Change made to mark scheme for 9EC0/01 Question 4(a) <i>In formula example, 'q3 13' clarified to '(quarter 3, 2013)'</i>	32
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Change made to key on chart for 9EC0/02 Question 1 <i>Chart updated to read 'ILO unemployment' instead of 'ILU unemployment'</i>	50
Change made to chart for 9EC0/02 Question 4 <i>Diagram labelling has been updated</i>	56
Instruction on calculators added to front cover of 9EC0/03	91
Mark scheme grids for Question 1(d), 1(e), 2(d) and 2(e) replaced with correct versions <i>Levels based mark scheme for evaluation question on Paper 3 has been updated to match the evaluation mark schemes for Papers 1 and 2.</i>	118, 120, 126, 128