

FAQs relating to the removal of the January examination session for GCE Languages

Q: Will there be any limits on the number of times a unit can be sat (or re-sat) before cash-in?

A: Rules concerning re-sits have not changed, so any number of re-sits are possible before cash-in.

Q: Will there be any limits on the number of times an AS or A level qualification can be sat (or re-sat)?

A: Rules concerning re-sitting of the whole qualification have not changed, so an AS or A level in Languages can be sat as often as required.

Q: Will students be allowed to sit (or re-sit) any number of units at a session, or must they sit 2 AS and/or 2 A2 at a time?

A: Students will be able to sit any number of units at a session; for example, a student might sit Unit 1 in June 2013 and Units 2, 3 and 4 in June 2014. Or a student might want to re-sit just Unit 4 in June 2013 which will be possible.

Q: Have cash-in rules changed in any way?

A: No, other than that cash-in opportunities will now only be available for summer sessions.

Q: Have the rules for the award of A* grades changed in any way?

A: No, the rules for the award of A* grades remain the same.

Q: Has the content of the AS or A level changed at all?

A: No, the content remains the same.

Q: Will January examinations still be available to centres in Wales, Northern Ireland and outside the UK?

A: No, Edexcel/Pearson will not be offering January examinations to centres in Wales, Northern Ireland and outside the UK.

Q: When are new AS and A levels expected?

A: New AS and A level qualifications will not be introduced for first teaching before September 2016.