

FAQs relating to the removal of the January examination session for A level History

Q: Is coursework also affected by the no-January rule?

A: Yes, the no-January rule also applies to coursework. Students can complete the coursework at any time, but it can only be submitted in the summer.

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

A: Rules concerning re-takes have not changed, so any number of re-takes 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-taken)?

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

Q: Can students still re-take AS units at the end of the course in Year 13 in order to improve overall grade?

A: Yes.

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: Has the content of the AS or A level changed at all for 2013?

A: No, the content remains the same.

Q: Will January examinations still be available to centres in Wales?

A: Edexcel/Pearson will not be offering January examinations to centres in Wales.

Q: Will January examinations still be available to centres in Northern Ireland?

A: Edexcel/Pearson will not be offering January examinations to centres in Northern Ireland.

Q: When are new AS and A levels expected?

A: Brand new AS and A level qualifications are expected to be introduced (subject to Ofqual consultation) for first teaching in September 2015, with first AS examinations in Summer 2016 and first A level examinations in Summer 2017.