

## Edexcel AS Politics (Issue 2)/A Level (Issue 3)

This document is designed to provide guidance to centres in relation to the changes made to the specification.

### Background – why are we making changes?

The main reason is that the taught content needs to be updated to reflect the fact that the UK is no longer a member of the EU. We are also making other minor amendments to provide greater clarity.

### Changes and any implications for teaching

#### UK Government content, topic 1 (The constitution)

In 1.1, reference to European Communities Act has been removed from the first bullet point.

#### UK Government content, topic 1 (The constitution)

In 1.1, reference to European Union Law has been removed from the third bullet point.

#### UK Government content, topic 4 (Relations between the branches)

In 4.3, 'social policy' has been removed as an aim of the EU from the first bullet point.

#### UK Government content, topic 4 (Relations between the branches)

In 4.3, the second and third bullet points have been replaced by *'The impact of leaving the EU on UK Parliamentary sovereignty in relation to policy making.'*

#### *What students need to know*

Students need to know what withdrawal from the EU means in a broader sense for the fundamental principles of the UK constitution, such as the sovereignty or legislative supremacy of Parliament. This includes the impact on the relationship between Westminster and the devolved administrations, and between the legislative and executive branches.

*The [EU guidance document](#), which also explores the broader relevance of the EU to contemporary British politics, will be updated in November 2022.*

#### Appendix 2

The definition of Supplementary Vote has been updated in the UK Politics section.

#### Appendix 2 [A Level only]

The definition of executive orders has been updated in USA section 3 on the US Presidency.