

# Timeline of A level qualification reform



AS and A levels are being reformed in stages. Subjects in the **first stage** are English Language, English Literature, English Language and Literature, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, History, Psychology, Art and Design, Business, Economics, Economics and Business, Computer Science and Sociology. These subjects will be reformed for first teaching in September 2015.

Subjects in the **second stage** will be available for first teaching in September 2016. These are Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Languages, Geography, Design and Technology, Drama, Dance, Music, Physical Education and Religious Studies.

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Current A levels	<b>June 2014</b> Summer exam series for current AS and A2 courses.	<b>June 2015</b> Summer exam series for current AS and A2 courses.	<b>June 2016</b> Final summer exam series for current AS and A2 courses in first stage subjects.	<b>June 2017</b> Final summer exam series for current AS and A level second stage subjects.	
First stage subjects	<b>September 2014</b> Specifications for new A levels available – first stage subjects.*	<b>September 2015</b> First teaching of new AS and A levels included in the first stage.	<b>June 2016</b> First exam series for new AS courses included in the first stage.	<b>June 2017</b> First exam series for new A level subjects included in the first stage.**	
Second stage subjects			<b>September 2016</b> First teaching of new AS and A levels for second stage subjects.	<b>June 2017</b> First exam series for new AS subjects included in the second stage.	<b>June 2018</b> First exam series for new A level subjects included in the second stage.

\*Subject to Ofqual accreditation.

\*\* Note that new A levels do not have an AS and A2 exam component. They are therefore referred to as 'A level exams' as opposed to 'A2 exams'.