

GCSE 2009 Applied Business (Double Award)



How might your candidates' journey through the new GCSE 2009 Applied Business differ to that taken through the old specification?

Modular -	greater flexibility in sitting exams when your students are ready and opportunities to improve at a later stage
Resits -	only one resit opportunity for each unit is available
Terminal requirement -	at least 40% of the entire GCSE must be completed at the end of the course - this means for GCSE Applied Business (2HB02) at least two units must taken in the final examination session.
Uniform Mark Scale -	candidates' best marks are stored for aggregation at the end of the course, ensuring their best performance is awarded, however the scores for the units being used to satisfy the terminal requirement will be used even if they are lower than those held in the bank
The GCSE standard -	all units are assessed at the GCSE standard in whichever exam series they are offered

Below are examples of how your candidates' experience of the new specification might differ from that of the old

Please note: this example is not a recommendation of how the course should be sat or the number of hours required to deliver the course but an example of one of the ways that the qualification might be approached. There may be alternative ways to approach the qualification.

Old GCSE Applied Business (2306)

		JUNE	weightings %	Mode	Max UMS Mark	
ACQUIRING GCSE SKILLS						
5306; Investigating Business			33	Coursework	100	Overall grade
5308; Business Finance		Resit opportunity	33	Exam	100	
5307; People and Business			33	Coursework	100	

New GCSE 2009 Applied Business (2HB02)

Unit availability							
JAN	JUNE	JAN	JUNE				
5AB02	5AB01; 5AB02; 5AB03; 5AB04	5AB02	5AB01; 5AB02; 5AB03; 5AB04				
ACQUIRING GCSE SKILLS				weightings %	Mode	Max UMS Mark	
5AB01: How Businesses Work				30	Controlled	120	Overall grade
5AB02: Financial Records		Resit opportunity		20	Exam	80	
5AB03*: People, Businesses & Change				30	Controlled	120	
5AB04*: Financial Planning				20	Exam	80	

*In this example these units satisfy the terminal requirement. In Unit 2 the best banked mark will count towards the final grade.

If you intend to use a re-sit to make up the 40% terminal requirement, then the resit mark will count, even if it is lower than the original mark.

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