



Pearson

Legacy resits – Frequently Asked Questions

These FAQs are to support centres in making decisions around legacy GCSE and GCE resits.

The outcomes of the Ofqual consultation on legacy resits have now been published, and can be seen [here](#).

GCSE subjects

English and Maths

Q: Which English and maths specifications will be available for a resit?

A:

Title	Cash-in/subject code
English	2EH01
English language	2EN01
Mathematics A (linear)	1MA0
Mathematics B (modular)	2MB01
Application of Mathematics	2AM01
Methods in Mathematics	2MM01

Q: When are the resit opportunities for these legacy specifications?

A: November 2016 and summer 2017, with the exception of Mathematics B (2MB01) which is available in November 2016 only.

Q: Who is eligible for the November 2016 resit?

A: In November 2016, only those students who have taken the qualification previously, who have good reason not to have taken it when planned (such as illness), or who are aged 16 or over on 31 August 2016 may resit these qualifications.

Q: Who is eligible for the summer 2017 resit?

A: In summer 2017, only students aged 16 or over on 31 August 2016 may resit

Q: Are first time entrants under 16 permitted to take the legacy specification assessments in the resit windows, instead of following the reformed specifications?

A: No. All students preparing for first assessment in summer 2017 must follow the reformed GCSE 2015 (9-1) specifications in English Language and maths.

Science

Q: Which science specifications will be available for a resit?

A:

Title	Cash-in code
Science	2SC01
Additional Science	2SA01

Q: When are the resit opportunities for these legacy specifications?

A: We will consult with key stakeholders before confirming whether the final re-sit opportunity will be in **November 2017** or **summer 2018**.

If you have any comments or feedback regarding the date of the final re-sit opportunity, please email us at TeachingScience@pearson.com:

Q: Who is eligible for the resit?

A: Only those students who have taken the qualification previously, who have good reason not to have taken it when planned (such as illness), or who are aged 16 or over on 31 August 2016 may resit these qualifications.

Q: Are first time entrants under 16 permitted to take the legacy specification assessments in the resit windows, instead of following the reformed specifications?

A: No. All students preparing for first assessment in summer 2018 must follow the reformed GCSE 2016 (9-1) specifications.

Other subjects

Q: Will resits be offered in any of the other legacy 2016 or 2017 GCSE specifications?

A: No. As very few post-16 learners re-sit GCSEs in subjects other than English, mathematics and science, we feel it is appropriate to focus resources on our suite of reformed GCSE qualifications, ensuring that learners, teachers and all other centre staff are fully supported through curriculum change.

Availability of Edexcel Certificate

Q: Does the availability of a 2017 GCSE resit mean that there will be an additional resit opportunity for students sitting the Edexcel Certificate in these subjects?

A: Yes. On 28th June the Department for Education announced that following Ofqual's decision to give post-16 students a final opportunity to re-sit the current GCSEs in English, English language and mathematics in summer 2017:

“...we will also apply these same rules for to IGCSEs and equivalent level 1/level 2 certificates counting towards the EBacc measure. This will mean that IGCSE and equivalent level 1/level 2 re-sits throughout the 2016/17 academic year will also be approved for teaching under the 16-19 Maths and English condition of funding, and resulting achievements will count towards the new progress measure”

Q: Which subjects will be available for a resit?

A:

Title	Cash-in/subject code
Edexcel Level 1/2 Certificate in English Language	KEA0
Edexcel Level 1/2 Certificate in Mathematics	KMA0

Q: Does this affect the withdrawal of any other Certificate qualifications?

A: No. The Edexcel Certificates in all other subjects (including English Literature and Science) have not been extended and will not have an additional resit opportunity.

Q: Does this affect the implementation of the revised IGCSE for international and non-state schools?

A: No. This announcement only affects the Edexcel Certificate qualifications in English and maths, and does not affect any of the Edexcel iGCSE specifications in any subjects, which do not count towards progress measures.

Q: When is the resit opportunity for these legacy specifications?

A: Summer 2017 only. There will be no January 2017 resit for these qualifications.

Q: Who is eligible for the summer 2017 resit?

A: As per the regulations for GCSE, in summer 2017, only students aged 16 or over on 31 August 2016 may resit

Q: Are first time entrants under 16 permitted to take the legacy specification assessments in the resit windows, instead of following reformed GCSE 9-1 specifications?

A: No. All students preparing for first assessment in summer 2017 must follow the reformed GCSE 2015 (9-1) specifications in English Language and maths.

General

Q: What are the 'carry forward' rules for controlled assessment units and/or speaking and listening?

A: As in previous series, students may elect to carry forward a unit result from one or more controlled assessment unit and/or their speaking and listening result. They may also choose to resit one or more of these elements. They are required to resit the exam unit. Where a student chooses to carry forward a controlled assessment unit/speaking and listening result, the most recent result will count.

Q: Which controlled assessment tasks will be used for the summer 2017 resit?

A: For GCSE English/English Language, the same controlled assessment task will be used for summer 2017 as was used in summer/November 2016
For GCSE Science and GCSE Additional Science, a new controlled assessment task will be provided.

Q: For GCSE English will there be a new pre-release Shakespeare act for the summer resit?

A: Yes. The act will be released, as usual, in the January before the summer assessment

Q: Are eligible students able to enter for the resit with a different board from their first/previous entries?

A: Yes

Q: How will we inform Pearson that a student missed their first entry for a legitimate reason, such as illness?

A: You should make your entries for the resit in the usual way. If the student is still under 16 and has not been previously entered for the assessment, you will be contacted and asked to provide evidence of the mitigating circumstances.

AS and A level subjects

Q: For legacy specifications, when are the resit opportunities?

A: Students taking legacy AS/A levels in any subject will have the opportunity to re-sit these qualifications in the summer following the final scheduled award.

For example, for 2015 reformed subjects, the final AS/A level legacy resit entries will be in summer 2017

Q: Who is eligible for the AS/A level resit?

A: Only students who have previously entered for the AS/A level may enter for the legacy resit. Otherwise, only candidates who have good reason not to have taken it when planned (such as illness) may enter.

Q: Which units will be available for the AS/A level resit?

A: All units will be available, as in any normal summer series.

Q. What are the resubmission rules for coursework units?

The same principles will apply as with any other resit entry. Students may carry forward their previously banked unit marks for coursework, or may submit new coursework entries.