

Draft Mathematics GCSE FAQs

1. Why are GCSEs changing?

In February 2013, the Secretary of State announced his intention to reform GCSEs to ensure they are rigorous and robust and give students access to high-quality qualifications which match expectations in the highest-performing jurisdictions.

2. What are the main changes for GCSE Mathematics?

We know that the new GCSE Mathematics qualification is bigger in size and will require more teaching time. The changes to content and assessment have been summarised for you in [the guide to GCSE Mathematics changes document available on our website](#).

3. When will students sit the new GCSE Mathematics examinations?

The new GCSE Mathematics qualification will be available for first teaching in September 2015 with first examinations in summer 2017.

4. When will the draft specification be accredited?

We are working with Ofqual to get the qualification accredited and expect the specification and sample assessment materials to be finalised in Autumn 2014 (it could be later, depending on the accreditation process).

5. How can I provide feedback on the draft GCSE Mathematics specification and sample assessment materials?

We welcome your feedback on the draft materials – please email mathsemporium@pearson.com.

6. How can I register an interest in teaching the new Pearson Edexcel GCSE Mathematics qualification?

[Please complete the interest form here](#).

7. What training will you be offering teachers for the new GCSE Mathematics specification?

We will be offering a series of free online launch events in June and July (visit www.edexcel.com/training to book your place). More free face-to-face and online launch events will be run in the autumn term. Early next year, we'll be running more in-depth Getting Ready to Teach events. We also have some videos available on [our website](#).

8. Will you be producing extra sample assessment materials?

Yes, extra mock papers will be available early in 2015.

9. Will you be producing schemes of work?

Yes, they will be available in September 2014.

10. When will I be sent hard copies of the specification and sample assessment materials?

The draft qualification has not yet been accredited by Ofqual. It is published to enable teachers to have early sight of our proposed approach to assessing GCSEs in the future. Further changes may be required and therefore draft materials are only available online. Hard copies will be available once the qualification has been accredited by Ofqual.