



**Pearson Edexcel  
International GCSE  
Mathematics  
(4MA1, 4XMAF/4XMAH,  
4MB1 and 4PM1)**

Onboarding Guide

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# Introduction

## Welcome to Pearson

### Onboarding Guide

We have created this step-by-step guide to assist teachers with preparing to deliver Pearson Edexcel International GCSE Mathematics successfully.

We hope that you find this helpful.

**For any queries about International GCSE Mathematics qualifications, please contact our Subject Advisor here at [teachingmaths@pearson.com](mailto:teachingmaths@pearson.com)**

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# Step 1: Find our qualifications webpage

This is located [here](#).

The screenshot shows the Pearson website's International GCSEs page. At the top right, there is a language selector set to 'UK'. The main navigation bar includes links for 'SUBJECTS', 'QUALIFICATIONS', 'SUPPORT', 'ABOUT US', and 'CONTACT US'. Below this, a secondary navigation bar has three tabs: 'Overview', 'About International GCSEs' (which is highlighted with a blue arrow labeled 'Step 1'), and 'The 9-1 grading scale explained'. A breadcrumb trail shows 'Home > Our qualifications > International GCSEs'. The main heading is 'International GCSEs'. Below the heading is a search bar and a grid of subject letters from A to Z. A teal call-to-action box on the right contains the Pearson | Edexcel logo and the text 'Learn more and keep updated about International GCSEs' with a button that says '> Complete our online form'.

Pearson Edexcel International GCSEs are globally recognised qualifications with academic content and assessment designed specifically for international learners.

International GCSEs are part of iProgress, the complete series of Pearson Edexcel academic qualifications for 5 to 19 year-olds, for international schools. The iProgress family includes: iPrimary, iLowerSecondary, International GCSE (IG), GCSE, International Advanced level (IAL), GCE A level. It delivers a consistent learning journey for students and teachers, with world class support services, everywhere in the world.

If you are based in the UK, but looking to offer International GCSE in international centres, please change your view from UK to International in the top right-hand corner of this page.

We now offer a choice of linear or modular assessment for many of our International GCSEs.

[> Learn more about International GCSEs](#)

[> Take a look at the Guide to International GCSEs \(PDF|2.4 MB\)](#)

[Take a look at the Guide to modular International GCSEs \(PDF|1.4 MB\)](#)

There are three tabs at the top.

The first tab, “Overview” has a guide to the linear and modular International GCSEs which is useful to share with parents and students.

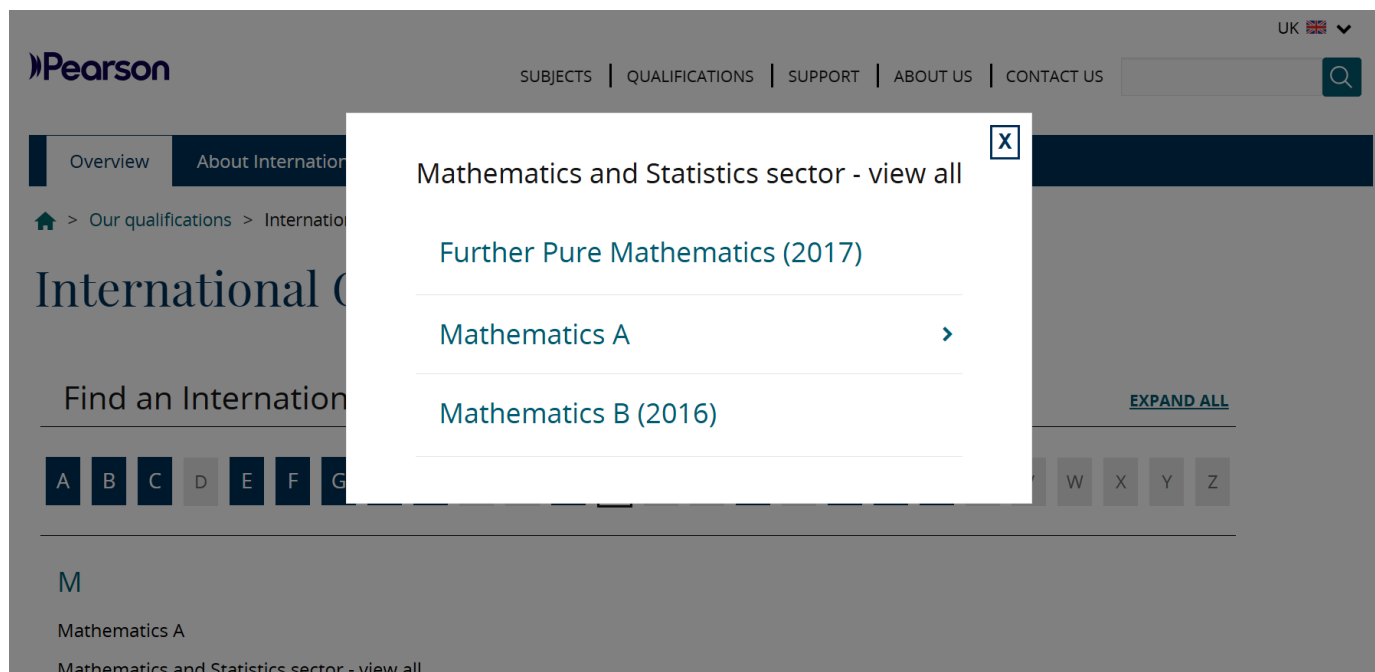
The second tab “About International GCSEs” provides FAQs about the qualification.

The last tab “The 9-1 grading scale explained”, does what it says to help those of you who are more familiar with the A\*-U grading scale.

**N.B.** You may wish to simultaneously get setup on [Edexcel Online](#) which is a portal to a range of services as this can take a while to process. Your Exams officer should be able to set this up for you.

## Step 2: Locate the subject webpage

From the “Overview” tab you will be able to select the subject you are interested in. For example, click **M** for Mathematics. You will see a pop-up window that shows all available courses. If you click Mathematics A you will be able to select the linear or modular option.



For convenience, the subject pages for all IG Mathematics qualifications are provided below:

[Edexcel International GCSE Mathematics A \(Linear\)](#)

[Edexcel International GCSE Mathematics A \(Modular\)](#)

[Edexcel International GCSE Mathematics B \(Linear\)](#)

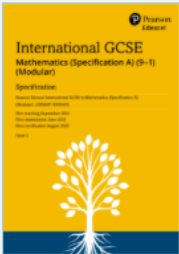
[Edexcel International GCSE Further Pure Mathematics \(Linear\)](#)

## Step 3: Download the specification

The specification can be found on the top left corner of the respective subject webpages linked in the table on the previous page. The specification sets out the content, structure and assessment requirements for our qualification. It is the key document which defines what students are expected to learn, how they will be assessed, and the standards they need to meet. Examination authors make use of this (**not the textbook**) when creating exam questions. Use that to plan your lesson content.

### International GCSEs Mathematics A (Modular)

#### Specification



**Teaching from:** 2024  
**External assessment from:** 2025  
**Certification from:** 2025

Our new modular assessment route breaks the journey into units with an exam at the end of each unit, when the student feels prepared and ready. Whichever route you choose, the exams take the same amount of time. Teachers spend the same amount of time. This route has the best results for the International GCSE.

The modular assessment route is only available to schools outside of the UK.

**DOWNLOAD**  
PDF | 1.1 MB

**Step 3**

#### Register your interest

Find out more about Pearson Edexcel International qualifications and sign up to receive the latest news.

**Let us know**

#### Course materials

- Specification and sample assessments (4)
- Exam materials (39)
- Teaching and learning materials (16)

**Step 5**

#### Teaching support and training

- New onscreen Mocks Service
- Training sessions
- Results support

**Step 7**

#### Useful links

- See our full range of published resources

**Step 6**

#### Mathematics Emporium


The free Mathematics Emporium contains a rich source of resources for teachers all in one place. Keep up to date and gain easy access to all the materials you need.

**Sign up to the Emporium**

**Step 5**

#### International Subject Partner

**Mark Heslop**  
Mathematics and Statistics - International centres



**Email:** [teachingmaths@pearson.com](mailto:teachingmaths@pearson.com)  
**Phone:** +44 (0) 344 463 2535  
(Teaching Services team | Mon - Fri, 8am - 5pm GMT)

- Sign up to updates
- Visit the customer support portal
- Connect on LinkedIn

**Step 4**

#### Useful documents

- International GCSE (9-1) Mathematics guide (PDF | 1.9 MB)
- International GCSE (9-1) Published Resources guide (PDF | 1.1 MB)

## Step 4: Know how to get advice

The contact details for [Mark Heslop](#), our International Mathematics Subject Partner, are located below the specification. You can email him for any queries you have in relation to the content of our specifications, resources or administration of the qualification.

## Step 5: Access course materials

The **Course materials** section of this page contains a wealth of free resources including schemes of work, sample assessment materials, exemplar materials, examiner reports, revision checklists and much more.

This page contains a link to the [Mathematics Emporium](#) which is a large repository of past papers, mark schemes and examiner reports, with additional teaching support materials. You can sign up for free.

If you are a subject teacher, it would be a good idea to review the [International GCSE \(9-1\) subject guide](#).

If you are a Head of Department or Exams officer, you may also wish to review the [Pearson Edexcel International welcome pack](#).

## Step 6: Order published resources

Explore our published resources for our International Mathematics qualifications [here](#).

### NEW: Teaching Hubs

Watch the interactive demo [here](#) to discover how teaching hubs can help you unlock teaching and learning excellence in the classroom, whilst saving yourself hours of preparation time for our International GCSE Mathematics qualifications.

## Step 7: Attend training

Attend the “Getting Ready to Teach” and “Understanding Assessment and Improving Delivery” **live** webinar training sessions, which are provided free of charge.

You can do this by clicking on the “training sessions link” in the “Teaching support and training” box on the right of the subject webpage and then select “GCSE and A levels, International GCSE and International A Level”.

This will take you to our [Professional Development Academy](#).

Select “Secondary International” and filter by subject to get a wide range of [mathematics training sessions](#).

Whilst in the Professional Development Academy, you may find it helpful to complete the [self-paced online courses](#) such as “Pearson Edexcel Ready! Understanding Pearson Edexcel Exams” and “Pearson Edexcel Ready! Teaching Pearson International GCSE & International A Levels”.

You can also watch past recordings of webinars at your own convenience on our [YouTube channel](#).

## Step 8: Plan Your Course

### Course Planners

Whilst on the “Teaching and learning materials” tab, click on “Course Planner” on the drop-down menu for a free course planner.

FILTERS

Teaching and learning materials (16) SORT BY Latest

**CATEGORIES**

- Specification and sample assessments (4)
- Exam materials (39)
- Teaching and learning materials (16)


**CONTENT TYPE**


- All
- Assessment support (4)
- Course planner (2)
- Guide (1)
- Mapping document (1)
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**EXPAND ALL**

Assessment support

Course planner

 **International GCSE in Mathematics A (Modular) Course Planner Foundation Tier**  
Issue 1 First teaching September 2024, first examination June 2025 FOR INTERNATIONAL CENTRES ONLY  
| PDF 184.2 KB | 03 April 2024

 **International GCSE in Mathematics A (Modular) Course Planner Higher Tier**  
Issue 1 First teaching September 2024, first examination June 2025 FOR INTERNATIONAL CENTRES ONLY  
| PDF 184.2 KB | 03 April 2024

## Mapping Document

If you are switching over from a different awarding organisation, we have [mapped](#) our specifications against those of other awarding organisations.






### LEVEL

- All
- Level 1 (2)
- Level 2 (2)

### FORMAT

- All
- DOC (1)
- DOCX (3)
- PDF (13)
- XLS (2)
- Show more

### Mapping document

-  **GCSE Mathematics (1MA1) and International GCSE Mathematics (4MA1) mapping documents**  
| ZIP 120.7 KB | 04 June 2016
-  **International GCSE Mathematics (4MA1) and (4MA0) mapping: Foundation tier**  
| XLS 60.5 KB | 17 June 2016
-  **International GCSE Mathematics (4MA1) and (4MA0) mapping: Higher tier**  
| XLS 80.0 KB | 17 June 2016
-  **International GCSE Maths A – Mapping Document: CAIE Maths to Pearson Edexcel Maths A**  
A Mapping Document showing the similarities and differences between the Cambridge IGCSE Maths (0580/0980) qualifications and the Pearson Edexcel iG Maths A (4MA1) qualification  
| XLSX 32.6 KB | 23 June 2023
-  **GCSE Mathematics (1MA1) and International GCSE Mathematics (4MA1) comparison**  
| DOC 60.0 KB | 01 April 2026

## Preparing for Examination

### Exam Wizard

[Exam Wizard](#) is a free database of all past exam questions, which can be filtered by specification point and assessment objective. This can also be used to select questions to complete in lessons for exam practice for specific topics or question types or create end of topic tests or mock examinations.

### Results Plus

When your students have sat their examinations, you can tweak your course planning and schemes of work for the following year or plan targeted revision for students taking resits by using our free question level analysis tool called [Results Plus](#).

For further guidance on how to use Exam Wizard and Results Plus, have a look at this [video](#).

### Access To Scripts

Results Plus is best used in conjunction with our free [Access To Scripts](#) service where having obtained permission from your students, you may download their marked scripts on results day, so that you can see exactly what made them perform less well on certain questions and also select work that is good and poor and use them in lessons.