

Edexcel Level 1&2 Foundation and Higher Projects

What's changed?

The specification has been edited to make it more user-friendly and to take into account feedback received from the pilots. The major changes are listed below.

1) Titles

Level 1 is now the "Foundation" Project and Level 2 is the "Higher" Project. This applies to both the units and the qualification.

2) Making use of work from other qualifications

Greater emphasis has been placed on the requirement that candidate work is **not** work that has been or will be submitted for other qualifications.

3) The weightings and number of marks

The weightings for AO1 and AO4 have been reduced, and those for AO2 and AO3 have been increased. The total marks have been increased to 40 to allow for better differentiation in performance.

4) The assessment objectives

OCA has changed the wording of the assessment objectives so that the differences between levels 1 and 2 are clearer. However, the impact on the units and mark grids is minimal.

5) The units and mark grids

The units have been amended to add additional guidance and make evidence requirements clearer. Mark grids have been rewritten to allow for better differentiation of performance across the mark bands.

6) Marks for learner independence

Marks for learner independence have been retained, but the definitions have been amended.

7) Witness testimony

The option of using witness testimony from people **other than** the tutor-assessor has been removed.

8) Forms

The exemplar project proposal form has been redesigned.

9) Grade descriptions

Grade descriptions have been added in Annexe E.