

Pearson Edexcel 2016 examination start times

Europe, Middle East and African countries GMT/BST 0 to +2

Important: if you are based in a country that, between June and January, changes from time zone GMT +2 to BST +3, you will need to also consult the exam start time document for the time zones GMT/BST +3 to +6.

This document applies to examinations in:

- International Advanced Level (IAL)
- International GCSE
- GCSE
- GCE A Level

Essential information

This document details the start times for exams, in the local time of each time zone.

To allow some flexibility, centres can start examinations by up to **30 minutes** earlier or later than the published time below without the need to complete any paper work. For examinations started 30 minutes early, students must still stay under centre supervision until one hour after the start time listed below.

However, permission must be requested in advance if a centre wishes to vary the start time of an exam in excess of 30 minutes, for example, in the event of an exam clash. This request must be emailed to regulation@pearson.com with the message title, '*Request for variation to exam start time*', **no later than 6 weeks before the date of the exam.**

Important changes

For exams in 2016, there are four different start times to be aware of. Start times for the International A Level (IAL) exams differ from the start time of exams for the International GCSE, GCSE and GCE A level.

JANUARY 2016 examinations - Time zones GMT 0 to +2

The designation AM or PM relates to the session the exam is assigned on the Pearson Edexcel Examination Timetables, which can be found at <http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/support/support-topics/exams/exam-timetables.html#tab-Internationalcentres>

| Time zones | Local start times for exams | | | |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | IAL morning (AM) | | IAL afternoon (PM) | |
| | | International GCSE morning (AM) | | International GCSE afternoon (PM) |
| GMT e.g. Ireland; Portugal | 8.30 | 9.00 | 11.00 | 13.30 |
| GMT + 1 e.g. France; Spain; Germany; Nigeria; Switzerland | 9.00 | 10.00 | 12.00 | 14.30 |
| GMT + 2 e.g. Cyprus; Jordan Greece; Turkey; South Africa | 9.30 | 11.00 | 13.00 | 15.30 |

SUMMER 2016 examinations - Time zones BST 0 to +2

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| Time zones | Local start times for examinations | | | |
|--|------------------------------------|--|--------------------|--|
| | IAL morning (AM) | | IAL afternoon (PM) | |
| | | GCE A level morning (AM) GCSE morning (AM) International GCSE morning (AM) | | GCE A level afternoon (PM) GCSE Afternoon (PM) International GCSE afternoon (PM) |
| BST e.g. Ireland; Nigeria; Portugal | 8.30 | 9.00 | 11.00 | 13.30 |
| BST + 1 e.g. France; Germany; Spain; Switzerland; South Africa | 9.00 | 10.00 | 12.00 | 14.30 |
| BST + 2 e.g. Cyprus; Saudi Arabia; Jordan; Kenya; Qatar | 9.30 | 11.00 | 13.00 | 15.30 |