

Exams Update - Thursday 16 January

Welcome to your regular roundup of all the important updates at Edexcel. [You can find all of our notices online](#)

Changes to unit 3 in GCSE English and English Language



We have made changes to unit 3 in GCSE English and English Language because the marks for speaking and listening assessments no longer count towards the final grade.

Unit 3 now has two components, A and B. You must enter both for the candidate to be eligible to receive a final GCSE grade.

For further information on how this has affected the unit weightings please click [here](#).

*Please note as a result of this change we have released updated basedata. See below for further information.

Amendments to previously issued basedata

The following amendments have been made to the GCSE June 2014 exams series basedata:



- The grade sets for 5EH3A Poetry & Creative Writing and 5EN3A Spoken Language & Writing were changed.
- The discount code for cash-in 2AR01 01 Arabic was updated.

You can download the new GCSE basedata [here](#).

Also, following the release of next generation BTEC results files on 8 January 2014, an issue was identified with the basedata that had previously been published.

The grade set in the November 2013 next generation BTEC external assessment basedata has therefore been amended and the updated version is available to download [here](#). All other sessions are currently under review. We will keep you up-to-date on any further changes.

BTEC registrations - Deletion Deadline



For learners that have dropped out of BTEC programmes since the start of the 2013-2014 academic year, you will be able to request a deletion of registrations and receive a full refund of fees.

Deletion requests need to be submitted to examsofficers@pearson.com by

the **31 January 2014**. Alternatively, you can submit a JCQ EDI amendment file withdrawing BTEC registrations before the 31 January 2014 to receive a refund on registration fees.

Please remember that we will only delete '**F**' registrations made in the 2013-2014 academic year where learners have not completed any units.



QCF OSCA 2 window now open

Please note that the second OSCA window for QCF BTECs is now open. You will have until the **12 February 2014** to register Lead Internal Verifiers (LIVs) and carry out standardisation exercises. For further support on the OSCA process please click [here](#).



New Academic and BTEC training event dates from March 2014

The new dates for our Spring 2014 face-to-face Academic and BTEC training events for exams officers are now available.

We will be providing support for exams officers and will be covering topics such as Eligibility, Results, Post Results services and an overview of next generation BTEC. You will be provided with materials to take away with you and have the opportunity to ask any related questions you may have. To book yourself a place and for further details please click [here](#).

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