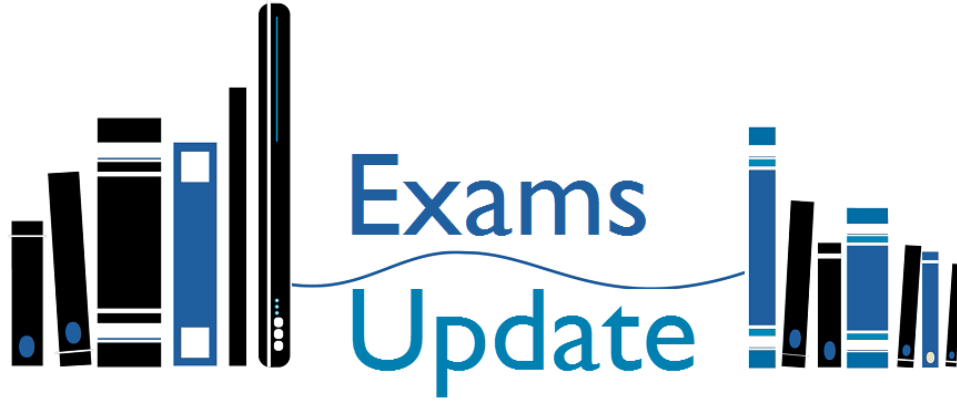


Welcome to your regular roundup of all the important updates at Pearson & Edexcel. [You can find all of our updates online](#)



## November 2014 GCSE English and Mathematics re-sits

From this year, the November GCSE exam series is only available for candidates re-sitting English, English Language and Mathematics. Candidates who have completed and been issued with a result in these subjects by Edexcel or another awarding organisation can be re-entered in the November 2014 series. A candidate who has previously sat English may be entered for English Language and vice-versa.



A candidate who was entered for a subject in a previous series but obtained a "no result" may not be re-entered in the November series.

Marks for controlled assessment and the Speaking and Listening endorsement for English and English Language can be carried forward from previous exam series as long as they have been "cashed-in" for a subject award. If you would like to use results from previous series, you do not need to make unit entries for the relevant papers and the marks will be carried forward automatically. Please note that controlled assessment marks cannot be transferred between different awarding organisations.

**Please make sure that you submit your entries for the November 2014 GCSE exam series by the entry deadline of 4 October 2014.**

## Reminder of upcoming key dates

Please make a note of the approaching key dates:

Date	Qualification	Exam Series	Description
01/10/2014	GCSE	Nov	Final date for to submit <a href="#">Form JCQ/CCA – Centre consortium</a>



		2014	<b>arrangements for centre assessed work</b>
03/10/2014	Functional Skills	Oct 2014	High late fees may be charged from this date
04/10/2014	GCSE, GCE, Principal Learning & NQF BTEC	Jun 2014	Final date for requesting Access to Script (original scripts) service
04/10/2014	GCSE, NQF BTEC	Nov 2014	Entry Deadline
04/10/2014	GCSE	Nov 2014	Final date to apply for access arrangements using Access Arrangements Online

For a full list of key dates please see the key date section of the 2014/2015 Information Manual. The online version can be found [here](#).

## Pearson Onscreen Platform upgrade coming soon



An upgraded version of the Pearson Onscreen Platform will be available on **Tuesday 30 September 2014**. The upgrade includes several software enhancements and improved performance.

This new version of the software also features new functionality to allow the platform to be used with more qualifications. It also offers a new offline facility to deliver tests without an active internet connection.

We will shortly be uploading updated guides on our website assisting you with this process. We will let you know once these are available to access.

## Reminder: QCF Accreditation for Lead Internal Verifiers 2014-2015

It is essential that each Lead Internal Verifier (LIV) confirms their status for their specified programme(s) on OSCA which can be accessed via Edexcel Online by **30 September**.



For any LIVs that also need to undertake online standardisation, the only window this year will be:

Window Opens	Window Closes	Results Released
21 August 2014	5 November 2014	12 November 2014

All QCF qualifications that require Lead IV accreditation will be available in this window.

## June 2015 Examination Timetables



The final timetables for the June 2015 exam series are now available on our website.

- For the GCSE June 2015 exam timetable click [here](#).
- For the A level June 2015 exam timetable click [here](#).

All other qualification timetables can be found [here](#).

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## Internal Assessment for BTECs

There is new guidance for the Internal Assessment of BTEC Firsts and Nationals for students first being taught from 1st September 2014. Full details of the guidance is available [here](#).



The new guidance does not apply to any student who was being taught before 1st September 2014 or who "tops up" to a larger qualification following year (2014-2015) for example, topping up to a BTEC National Extended Diploma. A "top up" of this kind effectively re-opens the learner's existing registration, and they therefore count as still "on programme" and part-way through their course on 1 September 2014.

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## Professional Development Training for Exams Office staff



This autumn starts a new era in training for the Exams Officers' Association (EOA) in association with their new conference partner Babcock.

The training will involve updates on the latest reforms, but also two-way dialogue with all the other key stakeholders involved in exam delivery. This is a great opportunity for members and non-members of the EOA to contribute to future planning and processes.

For information on dates and the booking process please click [here](#).

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