

Timeline of GCSE qualification reform

GCSEs are being reformed in stages. Subjects in the **first stage** are English Language, English Literature and Mathematics. These subjects will be reformed for first teaching in September 2015.

Subjects in the **second stage** will be available for first teaching in September 2016. These are Biology, Chemistry, Physics, History, Geography, Languages, Art and Design, Citizenship Studies, Computer Science, Design and Technology, Drama, Dance, Music, Physical Education and Religious Studies.

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Current GCSEs	<p>June 2014 Current GCSEs available as linear qualifications – summer exam series only.</p> <p>November 2014 Exams in English, English Language, and Mathematics available as a resit opportunity only. Linear assessment only.</p>	<p>June 2015 Summer exam series for current GCSEs, linear qualifications only.</p>	<p>June 2016 Final summer exam series for current GCSEs in English, English Language, English Literature, and Mathematics.</p> <p>November 2016 Final exam resit opportunity for current GCSEs in English, English Language and Mathematics. Linear assessment only.</p>		
First stage subjects	<p>September 2014 Specifications for new GCSEs available in English Language, English Literature and Mathematics – first stage subjects.*</p>	<p>September 2015 First teaching of new GCSEs included as first stage subjects.</p>		<p>June 2017 First exam series for new GCSEs in English Language, English Literature and Mathematics – first stage subjects.</p> <p>November 2017 First November exams for new GCSEs in English Language and Mathematics – new post-16 rule first stage subjects.</p>	
Second stage subjects			<p>September 2016 First teaching of new GCSEs included as second stage subjects.</p>	<p>June 2017 Final summer exam series for current GCSEs – second stage subjects.</p>	<p>June 2018 First exam series for new GCSEs – second stage subjects.</p>

*Subject to Ofqual accreditation.