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# Changes for the 2014 to 2015 academic year

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# 1.

## Statutory guidance now only online

The Standards and Testing Agency is no longer producing printed copies of the 'Assessment and reporting arrangements' or 'Test administrators' guide'. This information is now only available on GOV.UK.

# 2.

## How test results will be used in performance tables

Until now, the Department for Education (DfE) counted results from more than 1 year in the performance tables. (For example, a pupil's results were counted if they took English reading early and then mathematics the following year).

From 2016, the DfE will not count results from previous years' tests in performance tables. This means that pupils should only take the tests in 2015 if they have completed both the English and mathematics programmes of study.

# 3.

## Tests marked on screen

All tests at all levels will be marked on screen in 2015. Schools will be able to view test scripts on the 'Pupil results' section of [NCA tools](#) . Hard copies of test scripts will only be returned to schools if the test could not be marked on screen, eg braille scripts.

# 4.

## Science sampling tests

The [science sampling tests](#) won't take place in 2015 as they happen every other year. The tests will recommence in 2016.

# 5.

## Optional tests for years 3, 4 and 5 are no longer available

The new national curriculum is being introduced this year. Optional tests will not be integrated with the new curriculum and have been discontinued.

# 6.

## Getting help

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