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1. Taught from 2015

The following subjects will be first awarded in 2016 for AS and 2017 for A level.

Subject	Non-exam assessment	Consultations and decisions	Final rules	Accredited specifications	Comments
Art and design	AS level: 100% ¹	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements, conditions	Subject content (DfE)	AQA OCR Pearson	
	A level: 100% ¹	& guidance	Conditions & guidance	WJEC Eduqas	
Biology	AS level: none ²	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements, conditions	Subject content (DfE)	AQA OCR A OCR B	At least 12 set practical activities for A level. Separately reported grade for practical skills at A level.
	A level:	& guidance	Conditions	Pearson A	School statement confirming they have taken

	none	Conditions and guidance for practical assessments	<u>&</u> guidance	Pearson B WJEC Eduqas	reasonable steps to ensure practical work completed.
Business	AS level: none ¹ A level: none ¹	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements, conditions & guidance	Subject content (DfE) Conditions & guidance	AQA OCR Pearson WJEC Eduqas	
Chemistry	AS level: none ² A level: none ³	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements, conditions & guidance Conditions and guidance for practical assessments	Subject content (DfE) Conditions & guidance	AQA OCR A OCR B Pearson WJEC Eduqas	At least 12 set practical activities for A level. Separately reported grade for practical skills at A level. School statement confirming they have taken reasonable steps to ensure practical work completed.
Computer science	AS level: none ⁴ A level: 20% ⁴	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements, conditions & guidance	Subject content (DfE) Conditions & guidance	AQA OCR WJEC Eduqas	
Economics	AS level: none ¹ A level: none ¹	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements, conditions & guidance	Subject content (DfE) Conditions & guidance	AQA OCR Pearson A Pearson B WJEC Eduqas	
English language	AS level: none ⁵ A level: 20% ⁵	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements, conditions & guidance	Subject content (DfE) Conditions & guidance	AQA OCR Pearson WJEC Eduqas	
English language and literature	AS level: none ⁵ A level: 20% ⁵	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements, conditions & guidance	Subject content (DfE) Conditions & guidance	AQA OCR Pearson WJEC Eduqas	
English literature	AS level: none ⁵ A level: 20% ⁵	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements, conditions & guidance	Subject content (DfE) Conditions & guidance	AQA A AQA B OCR Pearson WJEC Eduqas	
History	AS level: none ¹ A level: 20% ⁶	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements, conditions & guidance	Subject content (DfE) Conditions & guidance	AQA OCR Pearson	
Physics	AS level:	Subject content (DfE) Assessment	Subject content	AQA OCR A)	At least 12 set practical activities for A level. Separately reported grade for practical skills at A

	A level: none ³	arrangements, conditions & guidance Conditions and guidance for practical assessments	(DfE) Conditions & guidance	OCR B Pearson WJEC Eduqas	level. School statement confirming they have taken reasonable steps to ensure practical work completed.
Psychology	AS level: none ¹	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements, conditions	Subject content (DfE)	AQA OCR Pearson	
	A level: none ¹	& guidance	Conditions & guidance	WJEC Eduqas	
Sociology	AS level: none ¹	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements, conditions	Subject content (DfE)	AQA OCR WJEC Edugas	
	A level: none ¹	& guidance	Conditions & guidance		

2. Taught from 2016

The following subjects will be first awarded in 2017 for AS and 2018 for A level.

Subject	Non-exam assessment	Consultations and decisions	Final rules	Accredited specifications	Comments
Classical Greek	AS level: none ¹ A level: none ¹	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements Conditions & guidance	Subject content (DfE) Conditions & guidance	OCR	
Dance	AS level: $50\%^{7}$ A level: $50\%^{8}$	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements Conditions & guidance	Subject content (DfE) Conditions & guidance	AQA	
Drama and theatre	AS level: 60% ⁹ A level: 60% ¹⁰	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements Conditions & guidance	Subject content (DfE) Conditions & guidance	AQA OCR Pearson WJEC Eduqas	
French	AS level: 30% ¹¹ A level: 30% ¹¹	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements Conditions & guidance	Subject content (DfE) Conditions & guidance	AQA Pearson	
Geography	AS level: none ¹ A level: 20% ¹²	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements Conditions & guidance	Subject content (DfE) Conditions & guidance	AQA OCR Pearson WJEC Eduqas	School statement confirming opportunities for fieldwork.
German	AS level: 30% ¹¹	Subject content (DfE)	Subject content	AQA	

	A level: 30% ¹¹	Assessment arrangements Conditions & guidance	(DfE) Conditions & guidance	Pearson
Latin	AS level: none ¹ A level: none ¹	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements Conditions & guidance	Subject content (DfE) Conditions & guidance	OCR
Music	AS level: 60% ¹³ A level: 60% ¹³	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements Conditions & guidance	Subject content (DfE) Conditions & guidance	AQA OCR Pearson WJEC Eduqas
Physical education	AS level: 30% 14 A level: 30% 14	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements Conditions & guidance	Subject content (DfE) Conditions & guidance	AQA OCR Pearson WJEC Eduqas
Religious studies	AS level: none ¹ A level: none ¹	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements Conditions & guidance	Subject content (DfE) Conditions & guidance	AQA OCR Pearson WJEC Eduqas
Spanish	AS level: 30% 11 A level: 30% 11	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements Conditions & guidance	Subject content (DfE) Conditions & guidance	AQA Pearson

3. Taught from 2017

The following subjects will be first awarded in 2018 for AS and 2019 for A level.

Subject	Non-exam assessment	Consultations and decisions	Final rules	Accredited specifications	Comments
Accounting	AS level: none ¹ A level: none ¹	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements Conditions & guidance	Subject content (DfE) Conditions & guidance	AQA	
Ancient History	AS level: none ¹ A level: none ¹	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements Conditions & guidance	Subject content (DfE) Conditions & guidance	OCR	

Archaeology	AS level: none ¹ A level: 20% ¹	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements Conditions & guidance	Subject content (DfE) Conditions & guidance	No qualifications have been or are currently being developed in this subject	
Chinese	AS level: 30% 11 A level: 30% 11	Subject content (DfE) Conditions & guidance Conditions & guidance	Subject content (DfE) Conditions & guidance	Pearson	
Classical civilisation	AS level: none ¹ A level: none ¹	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements Conditions & guidance	Subject content (DfE) Conditions & guidance	OCR	
Design and technology	AS level: 50% 15 A level: 50% 15	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements Conditions & guidance	Subject content (DfE) Conditions & guidance	AQA (fashion & textiles) AQA (product design) OCR Pearson WJEC Eduqas	
Electronics	AS level: 20% 16 A level: 20% 16	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements Conditions & guidance	Subject content (DfE) Conditions & guidance	WJEC Eduqas	
Environmental science	AS level: none ¹ A level: none ¹	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements Conditions & guidance	Subject content (DfE) Conditions & guidance	AQA	
Film studies	AS level: 30% 17 A level: 30% 18	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements Conditions & guidance	Subject content (DfE) Conditions & guidance	OCR WJEC Eduqas	
Geology	AS level: none ¹⁹ A level: none ¹⁹	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements Conditions & guidance	Subject content (DfE) Conditions & guidance	OCR WJEC Eduqas	At least 12 set practical activities for A level. Separately reported grade for practical skills at A level. School statement confirming they have taken reasonable steps to ensure practical work completed.
History of art	AS level: none ¹ A level:	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements	Subject content (DfE) Conditions	No qualifications have been or are currently being developed at AS level in this subject	

	none	Conditions & guidance	& guidance	
Italian	AS level: 30% 11 A level: 30% 11	Subject content (DfE) Conditions & guidance	Subject content (DfE) Conditions & guidance	Pearson
Law	AS level: none ¹ A level: none ¹	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements Conditions & guidance	Subject content (DfE) Conditions & guidance	AQA OCR WJEC Eduqas
Mathematics	AS level: none ¹ A level: none ¹	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements Conditions & guidance	Subject content (DfE) Conditions & guidance	AQA OCR A OCR MEI B
Further Mathematics	AS level: none ¹ A level: none ¹	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements Conditions & guidance	Subject content (DfE) Conditions & guidance	
Media studies	AS level: 30% ²⁰ A level: 30% ²⁰	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements Conditions & guidance	Subject content (DfE) Conditions & guidance	WJEC Eduqas
Music technology	AS level: 40% ²¹ A level: 40% ²²	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements Conditions & guidance	Subject content (DfE) Conditions & guidance	Pearson
Philosophy	AS level: none ¹ A level: none ¹	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements Conditions & guidance	Subject content (DfE) Conditions & guidance	AQA
Politics	AS level: none ¹ A level: none ¹	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements Conditions & guidance	Subject content (DfE) Conditions & guidance	<u>Pearson</u>
Russian	AS level: 30% 11	Subject content (DfE)	Subject content	<u>Pearson</u>

	A level: 30% ¹¹	Conditions & guidance	(DfE) Conditions & guidance
Statistics	AS level: none ²³ A level:	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements	Subject content (DfE) Conditions
	none ²⁴	Conditions & guidance	& guidance

4. Taught from 2018

The following subjects will be first awarded in 2019 for AS and 2020 for A level.

Subject	Non-exam assessment	Consultations and decisions	Final rules	Accredited specifications	Comments
Biblical Hebrew	AS level: none ¹	Conditions & guidance	Subject content (DfE)		
	A level: none ¹				
Modern foreign languages (Arabic, Bengali, Gujarati, Greek,	AS level:	Subject	Subject		
modern Hebrew, Japanese, Panjabi, Persian, Polish, Portuguese, Turkish, Urdu)	none ¹	content (DfE) Assessment	<u>content</u> (DfE)		
	A level:	<u>arrangments</u>			
	none ¹	Conditions & guidance			

- 2. Legacy qualifications use 20% $\underline{}$ $\underline{}$ $\underline{}$ $\underline{}$ $\underline{}$
- 3. Our legacy rules require at least 20%; all legacy qualifications use 20% _ _ 2
- 4. No equivalent legacy qualification _ _ 2
- 5. Our legacy rules permit 15% to 40%, all legacy qualifications use 40% _ 2 3 4 5 6
- 6. Our legacy rules require 15% to 20%; all legacy qualifications use 20% $_$
- 7. Legacy qualifications use 60% _
- 8. Legacy qualifications use 55% _
- 9. Legacy qualifications use between 40% and 100% (they all include the maximum permitted 40% controlled assessment; one includes a further externally-assessed performance, which is also a form of non-exam assessment) _

- 10. Legacy qualifications use between 40% and 70% (they all include the maximum permitted 40% controlled assessment; one includes a further externally-assessed performance, which is also a form of non-exam assessment) _
- 11. Legacy qualifications use between 30% and 40% _ _ 2 _ 3 _ 4 _ 5 _ 6 _ 7 _ 8 _ 9 _ 10 _ 11 _ 12
- 12. Legacy qualifications do not include non-exam assessment _
- 13. Legacy qualifications use between 60% and 70% (assessment approaches vary, but both controlled assessment units, and externally-assessed performance/composition units are forms of non-exam assessment) _ _ 2
- 14. Our legacy rules permit 30% to 50%; all legacy qualifications use at least $40\% = \frac{2}{100}$
- 15. Our legacy rules permit 30% to 60%; all legacy qualifications use at least 50% $_$ $_$ 2
- 16. Legacy qualifications use between 27% and 30% $^{-2}$
- 17. Legacy qualifications use between 40% and 50% _
- 18. Legacy qualifications use between 45% and 50% _
- 19. Legacy qualifications use between 20% and 30% $_$ 2
- 20. Our legacy rules permit 40% to 50%; all legacy qualifications use 50% _ _ 2
- 21. Legacy qualifications use 70% (although all units are externally assessed, all but one are forms of non-exam assessment) _
- 22. Legacy qualifications use 65% (although all units are externally assessed, all but one are forms of non-exam assessment) _
- 23. Legacy qualifications use up to 8.33% _
- 24. Legacy qualifications use up to 4.17% _

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