



NOTICE TO CENTRES

FAO: Exams Officer/Head of Department

Date: April 2013

Subject: GCSE Mathematics

RETAKE RULES FOR GCSE MATHEMATICS – NOVEMBER 2014 SERIES

CHANGE TO PREVIOUS ADVICE

As part of the change to 'linear' assessment, all GCSE Mathematics qualifications will be available in the June series only, from June 2013, with a retake opportunity available in November. Under the present rules, it will be possible in November 2013 either to retake a qualification taken previously, subject to meeting the 40% terminal rule, or to take the complete qualification for the first time with no opportunity of a retake other than with a 100% terminal rule in the following June (2014).

Ofqual previously indicated that the opportunity to retake a qualification in November 2014 would also allow for a qualification to be taken for the first time, but has now written to awarding organisations indicating that it has decided to change this arrangement. Consequently, in November 2014 it will only be possible to make entries for GCSE Mathematics for students who have previously certificated a GCSE Mathematics qualification.

This requirement will apply for each of the following qualifications:

- GCSE Mathematics A (J562)
- GCSE Mathematics B (J567)
- GCSE Applications of Mathematics pilot (J925)
- GCSE Methods in Mathematics pilot (J926).

If you have any queries about this notice, please call our Customer Contact Centre on 01223 553998.