

NOTICE TO CENTRES

FAO: Exams Officer/Head of Department: Design and Technology

Date: 18 May 2013

Subject: Amended GCE Product Design Specification (H053 and H453)

Please be aware that an amended version of the GCE Product Design Specification (H053 and H453) is now on the OCR website and should be used for all future assessment series.

Due to Ofqual requirements, the 'Design, design development and making' section of Unit F523 has been amended. This section is still marked out of 57 marks and none of the unit content has changed, but there are now 6 bands for this part of the marking criteria and the detail for this section is in Appendix E. These changes are detailed on pages 69 to 71.

For all candidates entered for assessment in the June 2014 series onwards, the marking criteria in the new specification need to be used regardless of whether candidates started the course in September 2012 or September 2013.

Note that from 2014 there is only one assessment opportunity each June following the removal of the January series for all GCE qualifications, effective from September 2013.

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