

NOTICE TO CENTRES

FAO: Exams Officers/Teachers of J275 GCSE Computing

Date: September 2014

Subject: J275 GCSE Computing: Units A452 and A453 Controlled assessment

J275 GCSE COMPUTING: UNITS A452 AND A453 CONTROLLED ASSESSMENT

- If you are not intending to enter candidates for J275 in the June 2015 series, please disregard this notice
- If you are intending to enter candidates for J275 in the June 2015 series, please read on for important information.

As we have previously communicated with centres, OCR have withdrawn the existing controlled assessment tasks for Units A452 and A453 due to a malpractice issue. Please see our [Notice to Centres](#) for the full details.

Send us your information

As a result of this issue, if you are intending to enter candidates for J275 in the June 2015 series (and/or the June 2016 series if your centre is running a three year course), **we need further details from you** regarding whether your candidates are completing the now withdrawn controlled assessment tasks.

Please click the following link to provide this information by **30 September 2014**.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DR6L6TH>

We will then be in touch via email if we require any further information.

Marking of controlled assessment

We would like to take this opportunity to remind centres to be vigilant when marking controlled assessment. Please note that credit will, as always, be given to original work, and plagiarised solutions will be treated as malpractice. For more information, please refer to the JCQ *Suspected Malpractice in Examinations and Assessments 2013-2014* available to download from the [JCQ website](#).

Details of new tasks

We will upload new tasks for both Units A452 and A453 onto OCR Interchange by **15 September 2014**. We are aware that centres may need to start preparing in advance of this date. Whilst we cannot bring this date forward without jeopardising the quality of the controlled assessment tasks we produce, in order to assist your planning, we can share with you the topic areas that the tasks will cover.

We will be producing three tasks for both units. These tasks can be completed by candidates certificating in June 2015 or June 2016, but not beyond. We will release new tasks in June 2015 for candidates certificating in June 2017.

A452 – the three tasks will be produced based on:

- App Inventor
- Little Man Computer
- Linux – based loosely around Raspberry Pi but not requiring it.

A453 – the three tasks, with subtasks, will be produced based on programming techniques as identified in the specification.

Further queries

For answers to common questions about this issue, please download our Frequently Asked Questions from the [OCR website](#).

If you have any queries about this notice not covered by these FAQs, please contact the Customer Contact Centre on 01223 553998.

Please accept our apologies for the inconvenience caused by this issue.