

Changes to GCSEs, AS and A Levels in Northern Ireland from September 2017

GCE AS and A Level						
Subject	Current Qualifications	Final Assessment (first time entries)	Resits	New AS and A Levels	First Assessment	Additional OCR Qualifications
Accounting	Accounting (H011 / H411)	June 2018	June 2019	<i>[Not being redeveloped by OCR – new AS and A Levels in Business are available for teaching from September 2015]</i>	N/A	Cambridge Technicals in Business (Level 3)
Classics	Classics: Ancient History (H042 / H442) Classics: Classical Civilisation (H041 / H441) Classics (unendorsed) (H002 / H402) <i>[Ancient History and Classical Civilisation units only]</i>	June 2018	June 2019	Ancient History (H007 / H407) Classical Civilisation (H008 / H408)	AS – Summer 2018 A – Summer 2019	N/A
				<i>[Classical Greek and Latin have been redeveloped for teaching from September 2016]</i>	AS – Summer 2017 A – Summer 2018	
Critical Thinking	Critical Thinking (H052 / H452)	June 2018	June 2019	<i>[Not being redeveloped – content could not be developed to meet Ofqual’s principles for reformed qualifications]</i>	N/A	Extended Project qualification (EPQ) <i>[Opportunities for extension and thematic study]</i>
Design & Technology	Design and Technology: Product Design (H053 / H453)	June 2018	June 2019	Design and Technology: Design Engineering (H004 / H404) Design and Technology: Fashion & Textiles (H005 / H405) Design and Technology: Product Design (H006 / H406)	AS – Summer 2018 A – Summer 2019	Cambridge Technicals in Engineering (Level 3) <i>[May be appropriate for some learners]</i>
Dutch	Dutch (H193 / H593)	June 2018	June 2019	<i>[Not being redeveloped by OCR]</i>	N/A	N/A
Electronics	Electronics (H065 / H465)	June 2018	June 2019	<i>[Not being redeveloped by OCR]</i>	N/A	Cambridge Technicals in Engineering (Level 3)

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General Studies	General Studies (H079 / H479)	June 2018	June 2019	<i>[Not available for redevelopment]</i>	N/A	Extended Project qualification (EPQ) <i>[Opportunities for extension and thematic study]</i>
Geology	Geology (H087 / H487)	June 2018	June 2019	Geology (H014 / H414)	AS – Summer 2018 A – Summer 2019	N/A
Government & Politics	Government & Politics (H095 / H495)	June 2018	June 2019	<i>[Not being redeveloped by OCR – new AS and A Levels available in History (from 2015), Sociology (from 2015) and Law (from 2017)]</i>	N/A	N/A
Health & Social Care	Health and Social Care (H103 / H503) Health and Social Care (Double Award) (H303 / H703)	June 2018	June 2019	<i>[Not available for redevelopment]</i>	N/A	Cambridge Technicals in Health & Social Care (Level 3) <i>[2012 suite only]</i>
Home Economics	Home Economics (Food, Nutrition and Health) (H111 / H511)	June 2018	June 2019	<i>[Not available for redevelopment]</i>	N/A	Cambridge Technicals in Laboratory Skills (Level 3) <i>[Food Science pathway available]</i>
Humanities	Humanities (H113 / H513)	June 2018	June 2019	<i>[Not being redeveloped by awarding bodies – new AS and A Levels available in History (from 2015), Religious Studies (from 2016) and Geography (from 2016)]</i>	N/A	Extended Project qualification (EPQ) <i>[Opportunities for extension and thematic study]</i>
ICT	ICT (H117 / H517) Applied ICT (H115 / H515) Applied ICT (Double Award) (H315 / H715)	June 2018	June 2019	<i>[Not available for redevelopment – new AS and A Levels in Computer Science available for teaching from September 2015]</i>	N/A	Cambridge Technicals in IT (Level 3) Cambridge Technicals in Digital Media (Level 3)

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Law	Law (H134 / H534)	June 2018	June 2019	Law (H015 / H415)	AS – Summer 2018 A – Summer 2019	N/A
Leisure & Tourism	Applied Leisure Studies (H128 / H528) Applied Travel and Tourism (H189 / H589) Applied Travel and Tourism (Double Award) (H389 / H789)	June 2018	June 2019	<i>[Not being redeveloped by awarding bodies]</i>	N/A	N/A
Mathematics	Mathematics (3890 / 7890) Further Mathematics (3892 / 7892) Pure Mathematics (3891 / 7891) Mathematics (MEI) (3895 / 7895) Further Mathematics (MEI) (3896 / 7896) Additional Further Mathematics (MEI) (3897 / 7897) Pure Mathematics (MEI) (3898 / 7898) Quantitative Methods (MEI) (AS Level only) (H133)* Statistics (MEI) (AS Level only) (H132)	June 2018	June 2019	Mathematics A (H230 / H240) Mathematics B (MEI) (H630 / H640)	AS – Summer 2018 A – Summer 2018	Core Maths: Quantitative Problem Solving (MEI) (Level 3) Core Maths: Quantitative Reasoning (MEI) (Level 3) Extended Project qualification (EPQ) <i>[Provides opportunities to investigate historical context, create artefacts, and undertake statistical or modelling investigations]</i>
				Further Mathematics A (H235 / H245) Further Mathematics B (MEI) (H635 / H645)	AS – Summer 2018 A – Summer 2019	
Media	Film Studies (H067 / H467) Media Studies (H140 / H540)	June 2018	June 2019	Film Studies (H010 / H410) Media Studies (H009 / H409)	AS – Summer 2018 A – Summer 2019	Cambridge Technicals in Digital Media (Level 3)
Science	Applied Science (H175 / H575) Applied Science (Double Award) (H375 / H775)	June 2018	June 2019	<i>Centres in Northern Ireland need to move to the new CCEA or WJEC AS/A Level Biology, Chemistry and Physics specifications, which include assessment of practical skills in the final grade.</i>	N/A	Cambridge Technicals in Laboratory Skills (Level 3)

*The [Level 3 Certificate in Quantitative Methods \(MEI\) \(H863\)](#) will also have a final assessment opportunity in June 2018 and resit opportunity in June 2019

GCSEs						
Subject	Current Qualifications	Final Assessment	Resit	New GCSE (9-1)	First Assessment	Additional OCR Qualifications
Business	Business Studies (J253) Business and Communication Systems (J230) Applied Business (Single Award) (J213) Applied Business (Double Award) (J226)	June 2018	N/A	Business (J204)	June 2019	Cambridge Nationals in Enterprise and Marketing†
Classics	Ancient History (Short Course) (J051) Ancient History (Full Course) (J151) Classical Civilisation (Short Course) (J080) Classical Civilisation (Full Course) (J280)	June 2018	N/A	Ancient History (J198) Classical Civilisation (J199) <i>[New GCSE (9–1) in Classical Greek and Latin have been redeveloped for teaching from September 2016]</i>	June 2019 <i>[June 2018]</i>	N/A
Child Development	Home Economics: Child Development (J441)	June 2018	N/A	<i>[Not available for redevelopment]</i>	N/A	Cambridge Nationals in Child Development <i>[Closely follows the format of GCSE Home Economics: Child Development]</i>
Design & Technology	Design and Technology (Electronics and Control Systems) (J301) Design and Technology (Graphics) (J303) Design and Technology (Industrial Technology) (J304) Design and Technology (Product Design) (J305) Design and Technology (Product Design) (Short Course) (J045) Design and Technology (Resistant Materials) (J306) Design and Technology (Textiles Technology) (J307)	June 2018	N/A	Design and Technology (J310)	June 2019	Cambridge Nationals in Engineering Design <i>[Suitable alternative for some pathways]</i>

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Dutch	Dutch (J733) Dutch (Short Course (Spoken/ Written)) (J033 / J133)	June 2018	N/A	<i>[Not being redeveloped by OCR]</i>	N/A	N/A
Economics	Economics (J320)	June 2018	N/A	Economics (J205)	June 2019	N/A
Engineering	Engineering (Single Award) (J322) Engineering (Double Award) (J344)	June 2018	N/A	<i>[Not being redeveloped by OCR]</i>	N/A	Cambridge Nationals in Engineering design Cambridge Nationals in Engineering Manufacture Cambridge Nationals in Principles in Engineering and Engineering Business Cambridge Nationals in Systems control in engineering
Health & Social Care	Health and Social Care (Single Award) (J406) Health and Social Care (Double Award) (J412)	June 2018	N/A	<i>[Not available for redevelopment]</i>	N/A	Cambridge Nationals in Health and Social Care
ICT	ICT (J461) ICT (Short Course) (J061)	June 2018	N/A	<i>[Not available for redevelopment]</i>	N/A	Cambridge Nationals in ICT Cambridge Nationals in Information Technologies † Cambridge Nationals in Creative iMedia
Law	Law (J485)	June 2018	N/A	<i>[Not being redeveloped by any awarding bodies – new GCSE (9–1) in Citizenship and History A (Explaining the Modern World) available for teaching from September 2016]</i>	<i>[June 2018]</i>	N/A
Leisure & Tourism	Leisure and Tourism (Single Award) (J444) Leisure and Tourism (Double Award) (J488)	June 2018	N/A	<i>[Not being redeveloped by awarding bodies]</i>	N/A	N/A

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Manufacturing	Manufacturing (Single Award) (J505) Manufacturing (Double Award) (J510)	June 2018	N/A	<i>[Not being redeveloped by awarding bodies]</i>	N/A	Cambridge Nationals in Engineering Manufacture
Media	Media Studies (J526)	June 2018	N/A	Media Studies (J200) Film Studies (J527)	June 2019	N/A
Psychology	Psychology (J611)	June 2018	N/A	Psychology (J203)	June 2019	N/A
Science	Environmental and Land-Based Science (J271)	June 2018	N/A	<p><i>From September 2017 centres in Northern Ireland will be able to deliver new GCSE (9–1) Science qualifications, following an announcement by the Department of Education.</i></p> <p>Combined Science (Double Award) A (Gateway Science) (J250) Combined Science (Double Award) B (Twenty First Century Science) (J260)</p> <p><i>The following GCSE (9–1) Biology, Chemistry and physics qualifications are also available:</i></p> <p>Biology A (Gateway Science) (9–1) (J247) Biology B (Twenty First Century Science) (9–1) (J257) Chemistry A (Gateway Science) (9–1) (J248) Chemistry B (Twenty First Century Science) (9–1) (J258) Physics A (Gateway Science) (9–1) (J249) Physics B (Twenty First Century Science) (9–1) (J259)</p>	June 2018	N/A

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Sociology	Sociology (J696)	June 2018	N/A	<i>[Not being redeveloped by OCR]</i>	N/A	N/A

†This is a new qualification for first teach in September 2017. To ensure that it is included in performance measures in Northern Ireland contact the [Department of Education](#).