



ADDITIONAL RESIT OPPORTUNITY FOR LEVEL 3 CAMBRIDGE TECHNICALS

The Department for Education (DfE) has decided some students should be given another opportunity to resit external assessment(s) for Tech Level or Applied General qualifications.

Which students are eligible for another resit opportunity?

Eligible students must be taking a Tech Level or Applied General qualification included on the 2018 performance tables (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/2018-performance-tables-technical-and-vocational-qualifications>). They must be due to complete both key stage 5 (KS5) learning and their relevant qualification in the summer of 2018.

What does this mean for OCR qualifications?

This decision affects **only** the 2016 suite of Level 3 Cambridge Technical qualifications included on the 2018 performance tables.

The following qualifications are **not** affected:

- Qualifications in the Technical Certificate category (Level 2 Cambridge Technicals)
- Qualifications in the Technical Awards category (Cambridge Nationals)
- The 2012 suite of Cambridge Technicals

What does this mean for my current students?

Before the DfE announcement, students could resit an examined unit once before they completed the qualification. We would then use the best result from either sitting to calculate the final grade.

This change, announced by the DfE on 26 January, means students due to complete KS5 in the summer of 2018 **only** will be allowed an additional resit opportunity in June 2018. We will use the best result from the sittings to calculate the final grade.

My school or college isn't in England; can I enter my students for an additional resit?

Yes. While the announcement relates to performance tables for England, the additional resit opportunity is available to all eligible students.

My students are due to complete in summer 2019, are they also allowed an additional resit?

No. The announcement from the DfE states this additional resit will be available **only** to the students completing their qualification in summer 2018.

Is the additional resit attempt only available for students who have failed two attempts at external assessment?

No, the additional resit will also be available to any student who wishes to resit an assessment in order to gain a higher grade.

Is OCR making an extra exam series available for this additional resit?

No, the additional resits will be included in the June 2018 exam series.

What should I do if I have eligible students?

We will shortly provide you with further information. In the meantime, please do not take any action. **Do not** make any qualification re-entries for students you consider to be eligible.

We are currently in consultation with the DfE regarding these changes and are updating our processes to allow this change to be put in place. We will keep you updated via this set of FAQs, available on all 2016 Level 3 Cambridge Technical web pages.

More information will be available before the June 2018 entry window opens on 6 March.

To find out more ocr.org.uk/cambridgetechnicals or call our Customer Contact Centre on **02476 851509**

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