



Geography

**GCSE GEOGRAPHY B
(For first teaching
September 2012)**

**IMPORTANT
INFORMATION**



OCR GCSE Geography B for September 2012 - re-accredited

GCSE Geography B has received accreditation for first teaching September 2012. Following the recent re-developments, some aspects of the content and assessment have changed.

Please see a summary of the key changes to GCSE Geography B for first teaching in September 2012 (first assessment 2014). The full details of the changes can be found in our accredited specification for Geography B and the sample assessment materials are available online at www.ocr.org.uk/geography

The controlled assessment task titles for 2014 are available to download from OCR Interchange.

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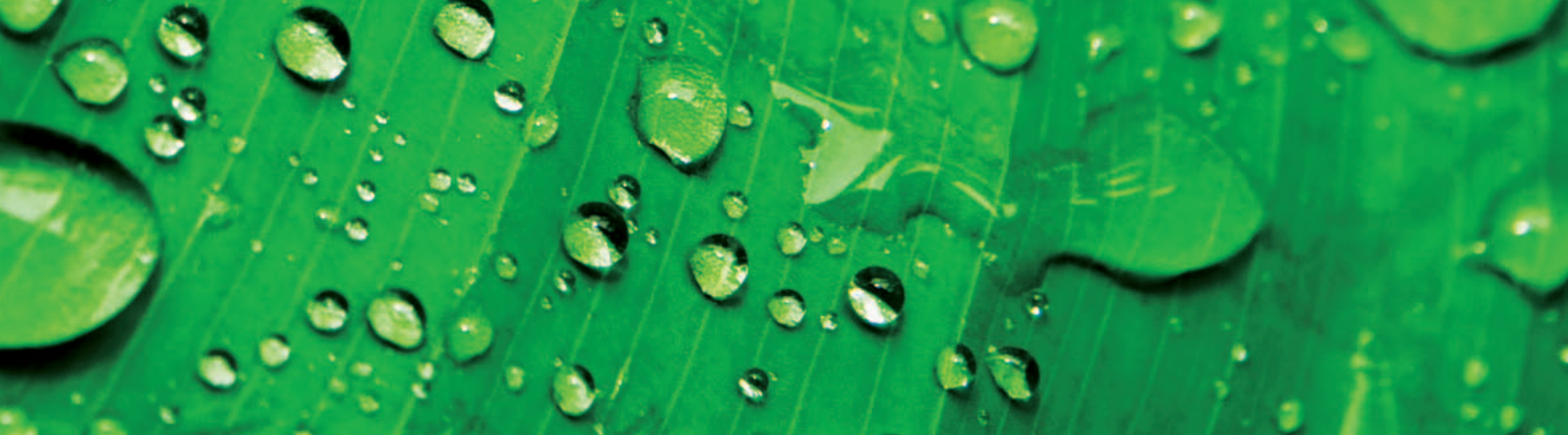
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SUMMARY OF KEY CHANGES

Unit B561: Sustainable Decision Making Exercise

- Increase in examination duration to 1 hour 30 minutes
- No pre-release title
- No pre-release booklet
- Same total mark for the paper
- 25% of the qualification

Unit B562: Geographical Enquiry – Controlled Assessment

- One task only – Fieldwork Focus – this must include collection of primary data
- 2000 maximum word total
- Amended marking criteria (section 4.3.4 in the specification)
- 60 marks maximum
- 25% of the qualification

Unit B563: Key Geographical Themes

- Increase in examination duration to 1 hour 45 minutes
- Increase in raw mark to 99 marks (9 for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)
- Removal of optionality – candidates answer all questions
- 50% of the qualification

QUALIFICATION DETAILS

Candidates must enter all three units in June at the end of their course. For further information on retaking a qualification, please see page 38 of the specification.

Candidates are able to enter the two examined units at different tiers (see page 39 of the specification).

SUPPORTING YOU ALL THE WAY

Free resources are available from the OCR website.

Our accredited GCSE Geography B specification J385 is now available to download along with the specimen assessment materials:

- B561/01 Sustainable Decision Making Exercise (Foundation Tier)
- B561/02 Sustainable Decision Making Exercise (Higher Tier)
- B562 Geographical Enquiry
- B563/01 Key Geographical Themes (Foundation Tier)
- B563/02 Key Geographical Themes (Higher Tier)

Resources available soon:

- Schemes of work and sample lesson plans for Theme 1 – Rivers and Coasts
- Schemes of work and sample lesson plans for Theme 2 – Population and Settlement
- Schemes of work and sample lesson plans for Theme 3 – Natural Hazards
- Schemes of work and sample lesson plans for Theme 4 – Economic Development
- Curriculum planning document
- Guide to controlled assessment
- Candidate style controlled assessment exemplar materials.