

GCSE Controlled Assessment Carry Forward Rules from the June 2014 series: FAQs for centres



What has changed?

For GCSEs certificating from the June 2014 exam series onwards, the entry rules have changed: the assessment is linear and carries a 100% terminal rule. Candidates must be entered for all their units in the series in which the qualification is being certificated.

Candidates will have the option to retake the qualification. All externally assessed units must be retaken, but candidates can choose either to retake a controlled assessment unit **or to carry forward the result of a controlled assessment unit that has already been used towards their last certification of the same qualification.**

Does carry forward happen automatically?

No, you have to make an entry for the unit you wish to carry forward using the carry forward option code – it won't happen automatically. The carry forward option code, when carrying forward a controlled assessment unit, is Option C for both single and double award. Double awards also include a carry forward unit (no option code required), which allows the whole single award certification UMS to be carried forward (see Example 8). The carry forward option codes and units are provided in the *OCR Admin Guide and Entry Codes: 14-19 Qualifications*, which can be downloaded from the OCR website at www.ocr.org.uk/admin-guides.

How do GCSE (Short Courses) work in terms of carrying forward?

In specifications with both GCSE and GCSE (Short Course), the two qualifications can be certificated at the same time if all units are taken in the same series.

If you wish to retake the GCSE (Short Course), it is possible to carry forward the controlled assessment unit results from the previous GCSE (Short Course) certification.

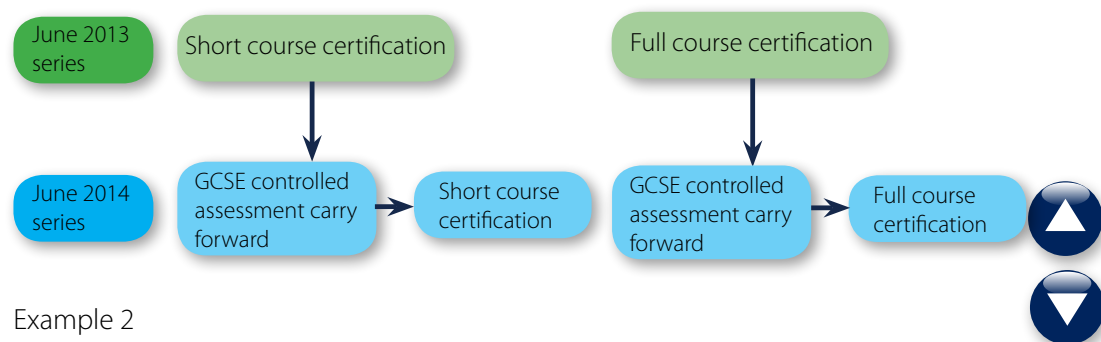
Candidates who have already achieved a GCSE (Short Course) and decide to move on to the full award GCSE from the same specification will need to resit all of the GCSE (Short Course) units alongside the additional units required for GCSE. The new results for the units that have been resat will then be used to calculate the GCSE grade. Any

results previously achieved cannot be carried forward, ie you cannot carry forward any unit results (including externally assessed and controlled assessment units) from a GCSE (Short Course) directly to a full award GCSE.

Examples of permitted combinations

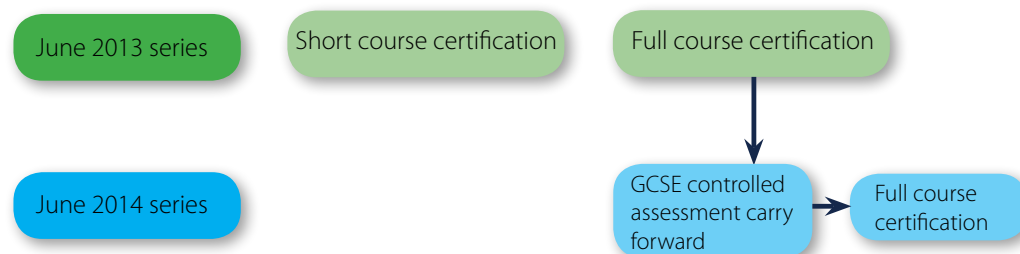
Example 1

The candidate certificated for both the short course and the full course in the June 2013 series, so is permitted to carry forward their controlled assessment unit results for both courses to June 2014. Please note that the candidate must be entered for the carry forward unit code in the series in which the course is certificated (see the Entry Codes section of the Admin Guide).



Example 2

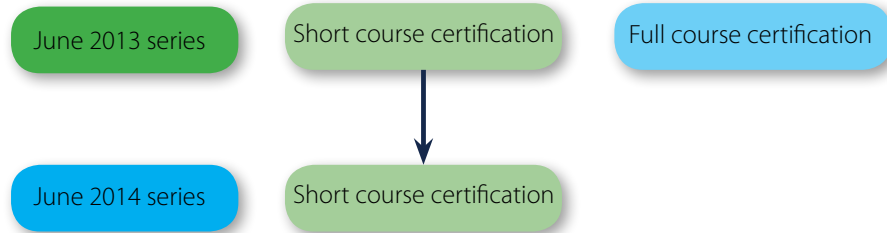
The candidate certificated for both the short course and the full course in the June 2013 series. As they are retaking the full course in June 2014, they are permitted to carry forward their controlled assessment unit results for the full course. Please note that the candidate must be entered for the carry forward unit code in the series in which the full course is certificated (see the Entry Codes section of the Admin Guide).



Examples of permitted combinations continued

Example 3

The candidate certificated for both the short course and the full course in the June 2013 series. As they are retaking the short course in June 2014, they are permitted to carry forward their controlled assessment unit results for the short course. Please note that the candidate must be entered for the carry forward unit code in the series in which the short course is certificated (see the Entry Codes section of the Admin Guide).



Examples of prohibited combinations

Example 4

The candidate certificated for just the short course in the June 2013 series. It is not possible for them to carry forward their controlled assessment unit results to the full course in June 2014, as the unit has not previously been used towards a full course certification.



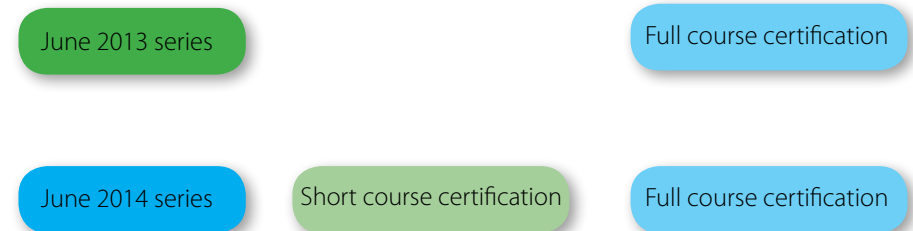
Example 5

The candidate certificated for just the short course in the June 2013 series. It is not possible for them to carry forward their controlled assessment unit result to the full course in June 2014, as the unit has not previously been used towards a full course certification.



Example 6

The candidate certificated for just the full course in the June 2013 series. It is not possible for them to carry forward their controlled assessment unit result to the short course in June 2014, as the unit has not previously been used towards a short course certification.



How do GCSE (Double Awards) work in terms of carrying forward?

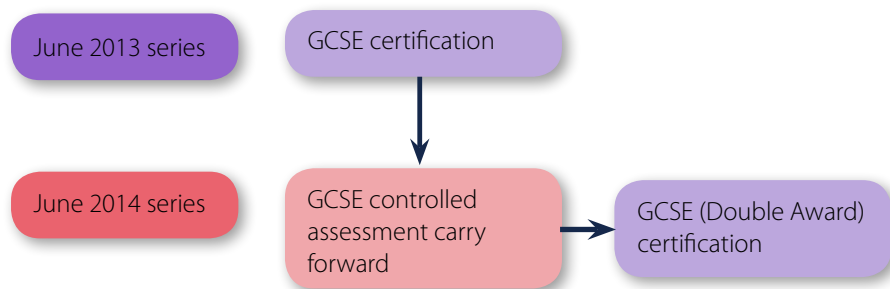
For GCSE (Double Award), where a candidate is taking a GCSE (Double Award) for the first time and where they have not previously been awarded the GCSE from the same specification, a 100% terminal rule applies. Candidates must be entered for all their units in the series in which the qualification is certificated.

Candidates who have already been awarded the GCSE and decide to move on to the GCSE (Double Award) from the same specification have three options available. Examples of entry combinations are shown below.

Examples of permitted combinations

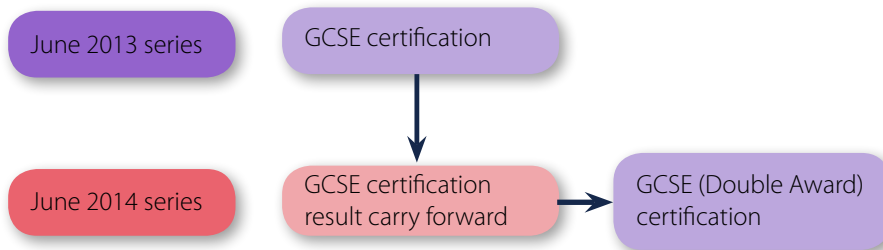
Example 7

The candidate certificated for the GCSE in the June 2013 series. They then sit the GCSE Double Award in the June 2014 series. They are permitted to carry forward their controlled assessment unit result which was previously used towards the GCSE. Please note that the candidate must be entered using the carry forward unit code with carry forward option in the series in which the double award is certificated. (see the Entry Codes section of the Admin Guide).



Example 8 : Carrying forward whole GCSE Certification result

The candidate certificated for the GCSE in the June 2013 series. They are permitted to carry forward their whole GCSE certification result (including their controlled assessment unit result) to June 2014, and take the additional units required for the GCSE (Double Award). Please note that the candidate must be entered using the carry forward unit code in the series in which the double award is certificated (see the Entry Codes section of the Admin Guide).



Example 9 : No carry forward

The candidate certificated for the GCSE in the June 2013 series. Rather than carrying forward any results previously achieved, they are permitted to resit all of the GCSE units in June 2014, alongside the additional units required for GCSE (Double Award). The new results for the units that have been resat will then be used to calculate the GCSE (Double Award) grade.



Which mark is carried forward?

It's the UMS (uniform mark score) rather than the raw mark that is carried forward.

What happens if I was absent for a unit? Can I carry this forward?

If you are unable to attempt the controlled assessment again then you may carry forward the 'absent'.

How long can you carry forward units for?

You can carry forward units for the lifetime of the qualification.

I took some units under the 'unitised assessment model', can I carry these forward?

Yes. You can carry forward from the unitised model to the linear model as long as it's the same specification and certification entry.

I have taken the controlled assessment units several times, can I carry forward the best mark?

No. You must carry forward the result used in the last certification, even if that was an 'absent'.

If I resit the controlled assessment unit, can I submit previous work?

No, the task must be retaken and new work must be submitted.

Can I carry forward unit results to another subject?

No. You can only carry forward unit results to the same subject.

Can I transfer my controlled assessment results to another awarding body when carrying forward?

No, controlled assessment results cannot be carried forward across awarding bodies. Carry forward is only possible if you have previously certificated for the same specification.

How do the carry forward rules apply to Speaking and Listening (Unit A640) in GCSE English (J350) and GCSE English Language (J355)?

The rules for carrying forward a result for Speaking and Listening are slightly different to other controlled assessment units. This is because the result for Speaking and Listening does not contribute to the overall result for the GCSE. As all candidates are awarded a UMS of zero, it is the grade that is carried forward.

It is possible to carry forward a unit grade for Speaking and Listening that was previously used to certificate for GCSE English (J350) to GCSE English Language (J355), and vice versa.

Carry forward entries for Speaking and Listening are made in the usual way using the carry forward option code (see page 2).

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