

# Mapping H415 (final assessment June 2021) to H418 (first assessment June 2022)

## Introduction

We have updated our A Level Law specifications following feedback from teachers, ready for first teaching 2020 and first assessment in 2022.

Before making any updates we actively sought teacher feedback. We listened to this feedback and are confident that our updates make our qualification the best option for teachers and students. We have removed a number of areas of the H415 specification, within the constraints of the Department for Education subject criteria, to help make the updated qualification more manageable and enjoyable to teach. We have kept a few areas of additional content, such as consent, where there were strong views that such content should remain in the updated specification. We have also reduced and narrowed the topic areas required for evaluation and have inserted a guidance column within our specification contents table so it is clearer what needs to be taught.

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## Component 1 – Section A: The legal system

Old H415 specification	Where <b>content</b> is covered in the revised H418 specification		Comment / justification
	Paper and topic area	Specification statement	
Civil courts and other forms of dispute resolution			
County Court and High Court: jurisdictions, pre-trial procedures, the three tracks	H418/01 Section A: The legal system	County Court and High Court: jurisdictions, pre-trial procedures, the three tracks	No change.
Appeals and appellate courts	H418/01 Section A: The legal system	Appeals and appellate courts	No change.
Tribunals and Alternative Dispute Resolution	H418/01 Section A: The legal system	Employment tribunals and Alternative Dispute Resolution	We have specified what type of tribunal needs to be studied to ensure that the content is more manageable for teachers to deliver.
Online courts and Online Dispute Resolution	Removed from the specification		We have removed this from the revised specification. This was content that OCR added above the A Level Law subject criteria and we have now removed it in light of teacher feedback about the amount of content they need to teach.
Evaluation of the civil courts and other forms of dispute resolution	H418/01 Section A: The legal system	Advantages and disadvantages of using the civil courts and Alternative Dispute Resolution to resolve disputes	We have clarified and narrowed the areas that need to be evaluated.

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	Paper and topic area	Specification statement	
Criminal courts and lay people			
Criminal process: Jurisdiction of the Magistrates' Court and the Crown Court, including classification of offences and pre-trial procedures	H418/01 Section A: The legal system	Criminal process: jurisdiction of the Magistrates' Court and the Crown Court, including classification of offences and pre-trial procedures	No change.
Appeals and appellate courts	H418/01 Section A: The legal system	Appeals and appellate courts	No change.
Sentencing and court powers: aims, factors and types of sentences	H418/01 Section A: The legal system	Sentencing and court powers: aims, factors and types of sentences for adults	We have provided extra clarity, making it clear that students only need to study adult sentences.
Lay magistrates and juries: qualifications, selection, appointment and their role in criminal cases	H418/01 Section A: The legal system	Lay magistrates and juries: qualifications, selection, appointment and their role in criminal cases	No change.
Evaluation of the different types of sentences and of using lay people in criminal cases	H418/01 Section A: The legal system	The advantages and disadvantages of using juries in criminal courts	We have restricted the evaluation to just looking at the advantages and disadvantages of juries to ensure that the content is more manageable for teachers to deliver.
Legal personnel			

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	Paper and topic area	Specification statement	
Barristers, solicitors and legal executives: qualifications, training, work and the regulation of legal professions	H418/01 Section A: The legal system	Barristers, solicitors and legal executives: role and the regulation of legal professions	We have reduced the amount of content that needs to be studied to ensure that our revised qualification is more manageable for teachers to deliver.
Changes and trends in legal services, including the impact of technology and globalisation	Removed from the specification		We have removed this from the revised specification.
The judiciary: qualifications, selection and appointment, training, role, retirement and removal	H418/01 Section A: The legal system	The judiciary: types and role in civil and criminal courts	We have reduced the amount of content that needs to be studied to ensure that our revised qualification is more manageable for teachers to deliver.
The separation of powers and the independence of the judiciary	H418/01 Section A: The legal system	The separation of powers and the independence of the judiciary	No change.
Evaluation of the legal professions and the judiciary	H418/01 Section A: The legal system	Evaluation of the judiciary, including the advantages of judicial independence.	We have removed the need to evaluate barristers, solicitors and legal executives to make the qualification more manageable.
Access to justice			
Government funding for civil and criminal cases	H418/01 Section A: The legal system	Government funding for civil and criminal cases	No change.

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	Paper and topic area	Specification statement	
Private funding, conditional fees, other advice agencies	H418/01 Section A: The legal system	Private funding, conditional fees, other advice agencies	No change.
Evaluation of access to justice	H418/01 Section A: The legal system	Evaluation of access to justice	No change.

## Component 1 – Section B: Criminal law

Old H415 specification	Where <b>content</b> is covered in the revised H418 specification		Comment / justification
	Paper and topic area	Specification statement	
Rules and theory			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An outline of the rules of criminal law</li> </ul>	H418/01 Section B: Criminal law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An outline of the rules of criminal law</li> </ul>	No change.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An overview of the theory of criminal law</li> </ul>	H418/01 Section B: Criminal law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An overview of the theory of criminal law</li> </ul>	No change.
General elements of criminal liability			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Actus reus</i>: conduct and consequence crimes; voluntary acts and omissions; involuntariness; causation</li> </ul>	H418/01 Section B: Criminal law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Actus reus</i>: conduct and consequence crimes; voluntary acts and omissions; involuntariness; causation</li> </ul>	No change.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Mens rea</i>: fault; intention and subjective recklessness; negligence and strict liability; transferred malice; coincidence of <i>actus reus</i> and <i>mens rea</i></li> </ul>	H418/01 Section B: Criminal law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Mens rea</i>: fault; intention and subjective recklessness; negligence and strict liability; transferred malice; coincidence of <i>actus reus</i> and <i>mens rea</i></li> </ul>	No change.
Fatal offences against the person			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Murder: <i>actus reus</i> and <i>mens rea</i></li> </ul>	H418/01 Section B: Criminal law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Murder: <i>actus reus</i> and <i>mens rea</i></li> </ul>	No change, although fatal offences against the person no longer needs to be evaluated.

Old H415 specification	Where <b>content</b> is covered in the revised H418 specification		Comment / justification
	Paper and topic area	Specification statement	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Voluntary manslaughter: defences of loss of control and diminished responsibility under Coroners and Justice Act 2009</li> </ul>	H418/01 Section B: Criminal law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Voluntary manslaughter: defences of loss of control and diminished responsibility under Coroners and Justice Act 2009</li> </ul>	No change, although fatal offences against the person no longer needs to be evaluated.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Involuntary manslaughter: unlawful act manslaughter and gross negligence manslaughter</li> </ul>	H418/01 Section B: Criminal law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Involuntary manslaughter: unlawful act manslaughter and gross negligence manslaughter</li> </ul>	No change, although fatal offences against the person no longer needs to be evaluated.
Non-fatal offences against the person			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Common assault: assault and battery under s39 Criminal Justice Act 1988</li> </ul>	H418/01 Section B: Criminal law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Common assault: assault and battery under s39 Criminal Justice Act 1988</li> </ul>	No change.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assault occasioning actual bodily harm, wounding and grievous bodily harm under s47, s20, s18 Offences Against the Person Act 1861</li> </ul>	H418/01 Section B: Criminal law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assault occasioning actual bodily harm, wounding and grievous bodily harm under s47, s20, s18 Offences Against the Person Act 1861</li> </ul>	No change.
Offences against property			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Theft under s1 Theft Act 1968</li> </ul>	H418/01 Section B: Criminal law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Theft under s1 Theft Act 1968</li> </ul>	No change, although offences against property no longer need to be evaluated.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Robbery under s8 Theft Act 1968</li> </ul>	H418/01 Section B: Criminal law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Robbery under s8 Theft Act 1968</li> </ul>	No change, although offences against property no longer need to be evaluated.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Burglary under s9(1)(a) and s9(1)(b) Theft Act 1968</li> </ul>	H418/01 Section B: Criminal law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Burglary under s9(1)(a) and s9(1)(b) Theft Act 1968</li> </ul>	No change, although offences against property no longer need to be evaluated.
Mental capacity defences			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Insanity, automatism, intoxication</li> </ul>	H418/01 Section B: Criminal law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Insanity, automatism, intoxication</li> </ul>	No change, although the defences of insanity and automatism no longer need to be evaluated.
General defences			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Self-defence, duress by threats, duress of circumstances and necessity</li> </ul>	H418/01 Section B: Criminal law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Self-defence, duress by threats, duress of circumstances and necessity</li> </ul>	No change, although the defences of duress by threats, duress of circumstances and necessity no longer need to be evaluated.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consent</li> </ul>	H418/01 Section B: Criminal law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consent</li> </ul>	No change.
Preliminary offences			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attempts: the <i>actus reus</i> and <i>mens rea</i>; impossibility</li> </ul>	H418/01 Section B: Criminal law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attempts: the <i>actus reus</i> and <i>mens rea</i>; impossibility</li> </ul>	No change.

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Evaluation			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Critical evaluation of offences against the person, offences against property and defences including ideas for reform</li> </ul>	H418/01 Section B: Criminal law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Critical evaluation of:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>non-fatal offences against the person</li> <li>defences: intoxication, self-defence and consent</li> <li>ideas for reform</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	We have reduced the number of areas which need to be evaluated to make the qualification more manageable for teachers to deliver.

## Component 2 – Section A: Law making

Old H415 specification	Where <b>content</b> is covered in the revised H418 specification		Comment / justification
	Paper and topic area	Specification statement	
Parliamentary law making			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Influences on Parliament: political, public opinion, media, pressure groups and lobbyists</li> </ul>	H418/02 Section A: Law making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Influences on Parliament: political, public opinion, media, pressure groups and lobbyists including the Law Commission</li> </ul>	We have added reference to the Law Commission here to clarify that they too have influence on parliamentary law making, and moved the bullet point to the Law Reform box where it fits better.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Legislative process – Green and White Papers, different types of Bill, legislative stages in the House of Commons and the House of Lords and the role of the Crown</li> </ul>	H418/02 Section A: Law making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Legislative process – Green and White Papers, different types of Bill, legislative stages in the House of Commons and the House of Lords and the role of the Crown</li> </ul>	No change.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advantages and disadvantages of influences on law making</li> </ul>	H418/02 Section A: Law making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advantages and disadvantages of influences on law making</li> </ul>	The wording remains unchanged from the H415 specification but we have moved it to the Law Reform box where it fits better and clarified that the Law Commission should be evaluated within this context.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advantages and disadvantages of the legislative process</li> </ul>	H418/02 Section A: Law making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advantages and disadvantages of the legislative process</li> </ul>	No change.

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Old H415 specification	Where <b>content</b> is covered in the revised H418 specification		Comment / justification
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Delegated legislation			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Types of delegated legislation: Orders in Council, Statutory Instruments and By-laws</li> </ul>	H418/02 Section A: Law making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Types of delegated legislation: Orders in Council, Statutory Instruments and By-laws</li> </ul>	No change.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Controls on delegated legislation by Parliament and the courts, and their effectiveness</li> </ul>	H418/02 Section A: Law making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Controls on delegated legislation by Parliament and the courts, and their effectiveness</li> </ul>	No change.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reasons for the use of delegated legislation</li> </ul>	H418/02 Section A: Law making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reasons for the use of delegated legislation</li> </ul>	No change.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advantages and disadvantages of delegated legislation</li> </ul>	H418/02 Section A: Law making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advantages and disadvantages of delegated legislation</li> </ul>	No change.
Statutory interpretation			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rules of statutory interpretation: the literal rule, the golden rule and the mischief rule</li> </ul>	H418/02 Section A: Law making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rules of statutory interpretation: the literal rule, the golden rule and the mischief rule</li> </ul>	No change.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The purposive approach</li> </ul>	H418/02 Section A: Law making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The purposive approach</li> </ul>	No change.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aids to interpretation: rules of language, intrinsic and extrinsic aids</li> </ul>	H418/02 Section A: Law making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intrinsic and extrinsic aids to interpretation</li> </ul>	We have removed the rules of language to help reduce the amount of content that needs to be studied.

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	Paper and topic area	Specification statement	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Impact of European Union Law and the Human Rights Act 1998 on statutory interpretation</li> </ul>	H418/02 Section A: Law making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Impact of European Union Law and the Human Rights Act 1998 on statutory interpretation</li> </ul>	No change.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advantages and disadvantages of the different approaches and aids to statutory interpretation</li> </ul>	H418/02 Section A: Law making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advantages and disadvantages of the different rules and approaches to statutory interpretation</li> </ul>	We have removed the need to evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of aids.
Judicial precedent			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Doctrine of Precedent including <i>stare decisis</i>, <i>ratio decidendi</i> and <i>obiter dicta</i></li> </ul>	H418/02 Section A: Law making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Doctrine of Precedent including <i>stare decisis</i>, <i>ratio decidendi</i> and <i>obiter dicta</i></li> </ul>	No change.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The hierarchy of the courts including the Supreme Court</li> </ul>	H418/02 Section A: Law making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The hierarchy of the courts including the Supreme Court</li> </ul>	No change.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Binding, persuasive and original precedent; overruling; reversing; distinguishing</li> </ul>	H418/02 Section A: Law making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Binding, persuasive and original precedent; overruling; reversing; distinguishing</li> </ul>	No change.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advantages and disadvantages of precedent</li> </ul>	H418/02 Section A: Law making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advantages and disadvantages of precedent</li> </ul>	No change.
Law reform			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Law reform including the Law Commission</li> </ul>	H418/02 Section A: Law making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Law reform by the Law Commission</li> </ul>	We have tweaked the wording to make it clear that students only need to study the Law Commission.

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	Paper and topic area	Specification statement	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advantages and disadvantages of law reform bodies</li> </ul>	Removed from the specification		<p>We have removed this evaluative topic to help reduce the amount of content that needs to be studied. However, the law commission should be evaluated in terms of the advantages and disadvantages of influences on parliamentary law making as detailed above.</p>
European Union law			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Institutions of the European Union</li> </ul>	H418/02 Section A: Law making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Institutions of the European Union</li> </ul>	No change.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sources of European Union law</li> </ul>	H418/02 Section A: Law making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sources of European Union law</li> </ul>	No change.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Impact of European Union law on the law of England and Wales</li> </ul>	H418/02 Section A: Law making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Impact of European Union law on the law of England and Wales</li> </ul>	No change.

## Component 2 – Section B: The law of tort

Old H415 specification	Where <b>content</b> is covered in the revised H418 specification		Comment / justification
	Paper and topic area	Specification statement	
Rules and theory			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An outline of the rules of the law of tort</li> </ul>	H418/02 Section B: The law of tort	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An outline of the rules of the law of tort</li> </ul>	No change.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An overview of the theory of the law of tort</li> </ul>	H418/02 Section B: The law of tort	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An overview of the theory of the law of tort</li> </ul>	No change.
Liability in negligence			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Liability in negligence for injury to people and damage to property</li> </ul>	H418/02 Section B: The law of tort	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Liability in negligence for injury to people and damage to property</li> </ul>	No change.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The duty of care: <i>Donoghue v Stevenson</i> (1932) and the neighbour principle, and <i>Caparo</i> test</li> </ul>	H418/02 Section B: The law of tort	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The duty of care: <i>Donoghue v Stevenson</i> (1932) and the neighbour principle, the <i>Caparo</i> test and <i>Robinson v Chief Constable of West Yorkshire</i> (2018)</li> </ul>	We have updated this bullet point to reflect changes to the law since the launch of our H415 qualification.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Breach of duty: the objective standard of care and the reasonable man; risk factors</li> </ul>	H418/02 Section B: The law of tort	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Breach of duty: the objective standard of care and the reasonable man; risk factors</li> </ul>	No change.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Damage: factual causation and the 'but for' test; legal causation</li> </ul>	H418/02 Section B: The law of tort	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Damage: factual causation; legal causation</li> </ul>	No change.

Old H415 specification	Where <b>content</b> is covered in the revised H418 specification		Comment / justification
	Paper and topic area	Specification statement	
Occupiers' liability			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Liability in respect of lawful visitors (Occupiers' Liability Act 1957)</li> </ul>	H418/02 Section B: The law of tort	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Liability in respect of lawful visitors (Occupiers' Liability Act 1957)</li> </ul>	No change.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Liability in respect of trespassers (Occupiers' Liability Act 1984)</li> </ul>	H418/02 Section B: The law of tort	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Liability in respect of trespassers (Occupiers' Liability Act 1984)</li> </ul>	No change.
Torts connected to land			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public and private nuisance</li> </ul>	H418/02 The law of tort	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Private nuisance</li> </ul>	We have removed the need to study public nuisance to help reduce the amount of content that needs to be studied. Also, torts connected to land do not need to be evaluated.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Rylands v Fletcher</i></li> </ul>	H418/02 Section B: The law of tort	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Rylands v Fletcher</i></li> </ul>	No change, although torts connected to land no longer need to be evaluated.
Vicarious liability			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nature and purpose of vicarious liability</li> </ul>	H418/02 Section B: The law of tort	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nature and purpose of vicarious liability</li> </ul>	No change.

Old H415 specification	Where <b>content</b> is covered in the revised H418 specification		Comment / justification
	Paper and topic area	Specification statement	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Liability for employees, including testing employment status and torts in or not in the course of employment</li> </ul>	H418/02 Section B: The law of tort	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Liability for employees, including traditional tests of employment status, 'akin to employment' tests, liability for torts committed in or not in the course of employment</li> </ul>	We have updated these two bullet points in the specification to reflect the changes that are taking place regarding vicarious liability at the moment.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Liability for the crimes of employees and liability for independent contractors</li> </ul>	H418/02 Section B: The law of tort	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Liability for torts 'closely connected' to employment</li> </ul>	
Defences			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contributory negligence</li> </ul>	H418/02 Section B: The law of tort	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contributory negligence</li> </ul>	No change.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Volenti non fit injuria</i></li> </ul>	H418/02 Section B: The law of tort	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Volenti non fit injuria</i></li> </ul>	No change.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Defences specific to claims connected to nuisance and <i>Rylands v Fletcher</i></li> </ul>	H418/02 Section B: The law of tort	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Defences specific to claims connected to private nuisance and <i>Rylands v Fletcher</i></li> </ul>	We have added the word "private" to clarify that public nuisance no longer needs to be studied.
Remedies			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compensatory damages</li> </ul>	H418/02 Section B: The law of tort	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compensatory damages</li> </ul>	No change.

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	Paper and topic area	Specification statement	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mitigation of loss</li> </ul>	H418/02 Section B: The law of tort	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mitigation of loss</li> </ul>	No change.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Injunctions</li> </ul>	H418/02 Section B: The law of tort	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Injunctions</li> </ul>	No change.
Evaluation			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Critical evaluation of liability in negligence, occupiers' liability, torts connected to land and vicarious liability, including ideas for reform</li> </ul>	H418/02 Section B: The law of tort	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Critical evaluation of:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>liability in negligence</li> <li>occupiers' liability</li> <li>vicarious liability</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	We have removed the need to evaluate torts connected to land and ideas for reform to make the course more manageable.

### Component 3 – Section A: The nature of law

Old H415 specification	Where <b>content</b> is covered in the revised H418 specification		Comment / justification
	Paper and topic area	Specification statement	
Introduction to the nature of law			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Law and rules: the difference between enforceable legal rules and principles and other rules and norms of behaviour</li> </ul>	H418/03 and H418/04 Section A: The nature of law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Law and rules: the difference between enforceable legal rules and principles and other rules and norms of behaviour</li> </ul>	No change, although the topic will no longer be discretely assessed.

Old H415 specification	Where <b>content</b> is covered in the revised H418 specification		Comment / justification
	Paper and topic area	Specification statement	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The connections between law, morality and justice</li> </ul>	H418/03 and H418/04 Section A: The nature of law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The connections between law, morality and justice</li> </ul>	No change, although the topic will no longer be discretely assessed.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The differences between civil and criminal law</li> </ul>	H418/03 and H418/04 Section A: The nature of law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The differences between civil and criminal law</li> </ul>	No change, although the topic will no longer be discretely assessed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An overview of the development of English Law: custom, common law, equity, statute law</li> </ul>	H418/03 and H418/04 Section A: The nature of law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An overview of the development of English Law: custom, common law, statute law</li> </ul>	We have removed equity from the specification and the topic will no longer be discretely assessed.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An overview of common law and civil law legal systems</li> </ul>	Removed from the specification		We have removed this bullet point from the specification to help reduce the amount of content that needs to be studied.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The rule of law: definition and importance</li> </ul>	H418/03 and H418/04 Section A: The nature of law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The rule of law: definition and importance</li> </ul>	No change.
Law and morality			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The distinction between law and morals</li> </ul>	H418/03 and H418/04 Section A: The nature of law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The distinction between law and morals</li> </ul>	No change.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The diversity of moral views in a pluralist society</li> </ul>	H418/03 and H418/04 Section A: The nature of law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The diversity of moral views in a pluralist society</li> </ul>	No change.

Old H415 specification	Where <b>content</b> is covered in the revised H418 specification		Comment / justification
	Paper and topic area	Specification statement	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The relationship between law and morals and its importance</li> </ul>	H418/03 and H418/04 Section A: The nature of law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The relationship between law and morals and its importance</li> </ul>	No change.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The legal enforcement of moral values</li> </ul>	H418/03 and H418/04 Section A: The nature of law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The legal enforcement of moral values</li> </ul>	No change.
Law and justice			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The meaning of justice</li> </ul>	H418/03 and H418/04 Section A: The nature of law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The meaning of justice</li> </ul>	No change.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Theories of justice</li> </ul>	H418/03 and H418/04 Section A: The nature of law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Theories of justice</li> </ul>	No change.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The extent to which the law achieves justice</li> </ul>	H418/03 and H418/04 Section A: The nature of law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The extent to which the law achieves justice</li> </ul>	No change.
Law and society			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The role law plays in society</li> </ul>	H418/03 and H418/04 Section A: The nature of law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The role law plays in society</li> </ul>	No change.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The law as a social control mechanism</li> </ul>	H418/03 and H418/04 Section A: The nature of law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The law as a social control mechanism</li> </ul>	No change.

Old H415 specification	Where <b>content</b> is covered in the revised H418 specification		Comment / justification
	Paper and topic area	Specification statement	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The way in which the law creates and deals with consensus and conflict</li> </ul>	H418/03 and H418/04 Section A: The nature of law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The way in which the law creates and deals with consensus and conflict</li> </ul>	No change.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The realist approach to law making</li> </ul>	H418/03 and H418/04 Section A: The nature of law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The realist approach to law making</li> </ul>	No change.
Law and technology			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The intersection of law and technology</li> </ul>	We have removed this from the specification		We have removed this topic area from the specification to help reduce the amount of content that needs to be studied.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Key issues, including privacy and data protection and cyber-crime</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cross-border issues and future challenges</li> </ul>			

### Component 3 – Section B Option 1: Human rights law

Old H415 specification	Where <b>content</b> is covered in the revised H418 specification		Comment / justification
	Paper and topic area	Specification statement	
Rules and theory			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An outline of the rules of human rights law</li> </ul>	H418/03 Section B: Human rights law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An outline of the rules of human rights law</li> </ul>	No change.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An overview of the theory of human rights law</li> </ul>	H418/03 Section B: Human rights law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An overview of the theory of human rights law</li> </ul>	No change.
Protection of the individual's human rights and freedoms in the UK			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An overview of the development of human rights in the UK, including Magna Carta 1215 and the Bill of Rights 1688</li> </ul>	We have removed this from the specification		We have removed this additional historical information to make the qualification more manageable.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The history of the European Court of Human Rights</li> </ul>	H418/03 Section B: Human rights law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The history of the European Convention on Human Rights and the European Court of Human Rights</li> </ul>	To counter the removal of the bullet point above, we have added a little contextual background regarding the European Convention of Human Rights.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The impact of the Human Rights Act 1998</li> </ul>	H418/03 Section B: Human rights law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The impact of the Human Rights Act 1998</li> </ul>	No change.

Old H415 specification	Where <b>content</b> is covered in the revised H418 specification		Comment / justification
	Paper and topic area	Specification statement	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The entrenched nature of the Human Rights Act 1998 in the devolution settlements of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland</li> </ul>	H418/03 Section B: Human rights law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The entrenched nature of the Human Rights Act 1998 in the devolution settlements of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland</li> </ul>	No change.
Key provisions of the European Convention on Human Rights			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Article 5: the right to liberty and security</li> </ul>	H418/03 Section B: Human rights law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Article 5: the right to liberty and security</li> </ul>	No change.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Article 6: the right to a fair trial</li> </ul>	H418/03 Section B: Human rights law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Article 6: the right to a fair trial</li> </ul>	No change.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Article 8: the right to respect for family and private life</li> </ul>	H418/03 Section B: Human rights law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Article 8: the right to respect for family and private life</li> </ul>	No change.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Article 10: the right to freedom of expression</li> </ul>	H418/03 Section B: Human rights law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Article 10: the right to freedom of expression</li> </ul>	No change.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Article 11: freedom of assembly</li> </ul>	H418/03 Section B: Human rights law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Article 11: freedom of assembly</li> </ul>	No change.

Old H415 specification	Where <b>content</b> is covered in the revised H418 specification		Comment / justification
	Paper and topic area	Specification statement	
Restrictions on human rights law			We have renamed this topic 'Human Rights and English law' as the content points deal with how English law provides restrictions on certain human rights.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Restrictions permitted by the European Convention on Human Rights</li> </ul>	H418/03 Section B: Human rights law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Restrictions permitted by the European Convention on Human Rights</li> </ul>	The wording remains unchanged from the H415 specification although it has been moved to the 'Key provisions of the European Convention on Human Rights' box of the specification.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public order offences</li> </ul>	H418/03 Section B: Human rights law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public order offences</li> </ul>	No change, although greater clarification on what needs to be studied has been provided in the guidance column.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Police powers</li> </ul>	H418/03 Section B: Human rights law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Police powers</li> </ul>	No change, although greater clarification on what needs to be studied has been provided in the guidance column.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interception of communications</li> </ul>	H418/03 Section B: Human rights law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interception of communications</li> </ul>	No change, although greater clarification on what needs to be studied has been provided in the guidance column.

Old H415 specification	Where <b>content</b> is covered in the revised H418 specification		Comment / justification
	Paper and topic area	Specification statement	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Duty of confidentiality</li> </ul>	H418/03 Section B: Human rights law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Duty of confidentiality</li> </ul>	No change, although greater clarification on what needs to be studied has been provided in the guidance column.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Obscenity</li> </ul>	H418/03 Section B: Human rights law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Obscenity</li> </ul>	No change, although greater clarification on what needs to be studied has been provided in the guidance column.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Torts of defamation and trespass</li> </ul>	H418/03 Section B: Human rights law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Torts of defamation and trespass</li> </ul>	No change, although greater clarification on what needs to be studied has been provided in the guidance column.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Harassment</li> </ul>	H418/03 Section B: Human rights law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Harassment</li> </ul>	No change, although greater clarification on what needs to be studied has been provided in the guidance column.
Enforcement of human rights law			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Role of domestic courts</li> </ul>	H418/03 Section B: Human rights law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Role of domestic courts</li> </ul>	No change.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The process of judicial review</li> </ul>	H418/03 Section B: Human rights law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The process of judicial review</li> </ul>	No change.

Old H415 specification	Where <b>content</b> is covered in the revised H418 specification		Comment / justification
	Paper and topic area	Specification statement	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The role of the European Court of Human Rights</li> </ul>	H418/03 Section B: Human rights law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The role of the European Court of Human Rights</li> </ul>	No change.
Evaluation			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Critical evaluation of human rights protection in the UK, the European Convention on Human Rights and the Human Rights Act 1998, including ideas for reform</li> </ul>	H418/03 Section B: Human rights law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Critical evaluation of human rights protection in the UK:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Articles 5, 6, 8, 10 and 11 of the European Convention on Human Rights</li> <li>the Human Rights Act 1998</li> <li>ideas for reform</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	We have now formatted the content in bullet points to aid clarity and explicitly mentioned the 5 articles which students need to be familiar with.

### Component 3 – Section B Option 2: The law of contract

Old specification	Where <b>content</b> is covered in the revised specification		Comment / justification
	Paper and topic area	Specification statement	
Rules and theory			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An outline of the rules of the law of contract</li> </ul>	H418/04 Section B: The law of contract	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An outline of the rules of the law of contract</li> </ul>	No change.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An overview of the theory of the law of contract</li> </ul>	H418/04 Section B: The law of contract	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An overview of the theory of the law of contract</li> </ul>	No change.
Formation			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offer and acceptance, including the rules of communication and revocation</li> </ul>	H418/04 Section B: The law of contract	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offer and acceptance, including the rules of communication and revocation</li> </ul>	No change.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intention to create legal relations: domestic and commercial, presumptions and rebuttals</li> </ul>	H418/04 Section B: The law of contract	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intention to create legal relations: domestic and commercial, presumptions and rebuttals</li> </ul>	No change.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consideration: adequacy, sufficiency, past consideration, pre-existing duties</li> </ul>	H418/04 Section B: The law of contract	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consideration: adequacy, sufficiency, past consideration, pre-existing duties</li> </ul>	No change.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Privity: the rights of third parties under the Contract (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 and common law exceptions</li> </ul>	H418/04 Section B: The law of contract	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Privity: the rights of third parties under the Contract (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 and common law exceptions</li> </ul>	No change.

Old specification	Where <b>content</b> is covered in the revised specification		Comment / justification
	Paper and topic area	Specification statement	
Terms			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Express and implied terms, including the Consumer Rights Act 2015</li> </ul>	H418/04 Section B: The law of contract	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Express and implied terms, including the Consumer Rights Act 2015</li> </ul>	No change.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Types of term: conditions, warranties, innominate terms</li> </ul>	H418/04 Section B: The law of contract	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Types of term: conditions, warranties, innominate terms</li> </ul>	No change.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exclusion and limitation clauses, including the Unfair Contract Terms Act 1977 and the Consumer Rights Act 2015</li> </ul>	H418/04 Section B: The law of contract	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exclusion and limitation clauses, including the Unfair Contract Terms Act 1977 and the Consumer Rights Act 2015</li> </ul>	No change.
Vitiating factors			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Misrepresentation, including omission in consumer contexts</li> </ul>	H418/04 Section B: The law of contract	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Misrepresentation, including omission in consumer contexts and the Misrepresentation Act 1967</li> </ul>	We have specifically mentioned the Misrepresentation Act 1967 as this is key legislation.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Economic duress</li> </ul>	H418/04 Section B: The law of contract	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Economic duress</li> </ul>	No change.
Discharge			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Performance</li> </ul>	H418/04 Section B: The law of contract	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Performance</li> </ul>	No change.

Old specification	Where <b>content</b> is covered in the revised specification		Comment / justification
	Paper and topic area	Specification statement	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Frustration</li> </ul>	H418/04 Section B: The law of contract	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Frustration</li> </ul>	No change.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Breach of contract: actual and anticipatory breach</li> </ul>	H418/04 Section B: The law of contract	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Breach of contract: actual and anticipatory breach</li> </ul>	No change.
Remedies			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Damages: compensatory damages; causation and remoteness of damage; mitigation of loss</li> </ul>	H418/04 Section B: The law of contract	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Damages: compensatory damages; causation and remoteness of damage; mitigation of loss</li> </ul>	No change.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Equitable remedies</li> </ul>	H418/04 Section B: The law of contract	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Equitable remedies</li> </ul>	No change.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consumer remedies under the Consumer Rights Act 2015</li> </ul>	H418/04 Section B: The law of contract	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consumer remedies under the Consumer Rights Act 2015</li> </ul>	No change.
Evaluation			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Critical evaluation of formation and contract terms, including ideas for reform</li> </ul>	H418/04 Section B: The law of contract	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Critical evaluation of:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>formation</li> <li>contract terms</li> <li>ideas for reform</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	No change.



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