

# New A Level Biblical Hebrew

## H017 and H417 replacing 3814 and 7814

Information for OCR centres transferring to **new specifications for first teaching in September 2008**

This document maps the current A Level Biblical Hebrew specification to the new specification for first teaching in September 2008. It includes information on the changes, support available and an outline of the new specification. It is intended to help ease the transition for Heads of Department and Teachers involved in the teaching of Biblical Hebrew.

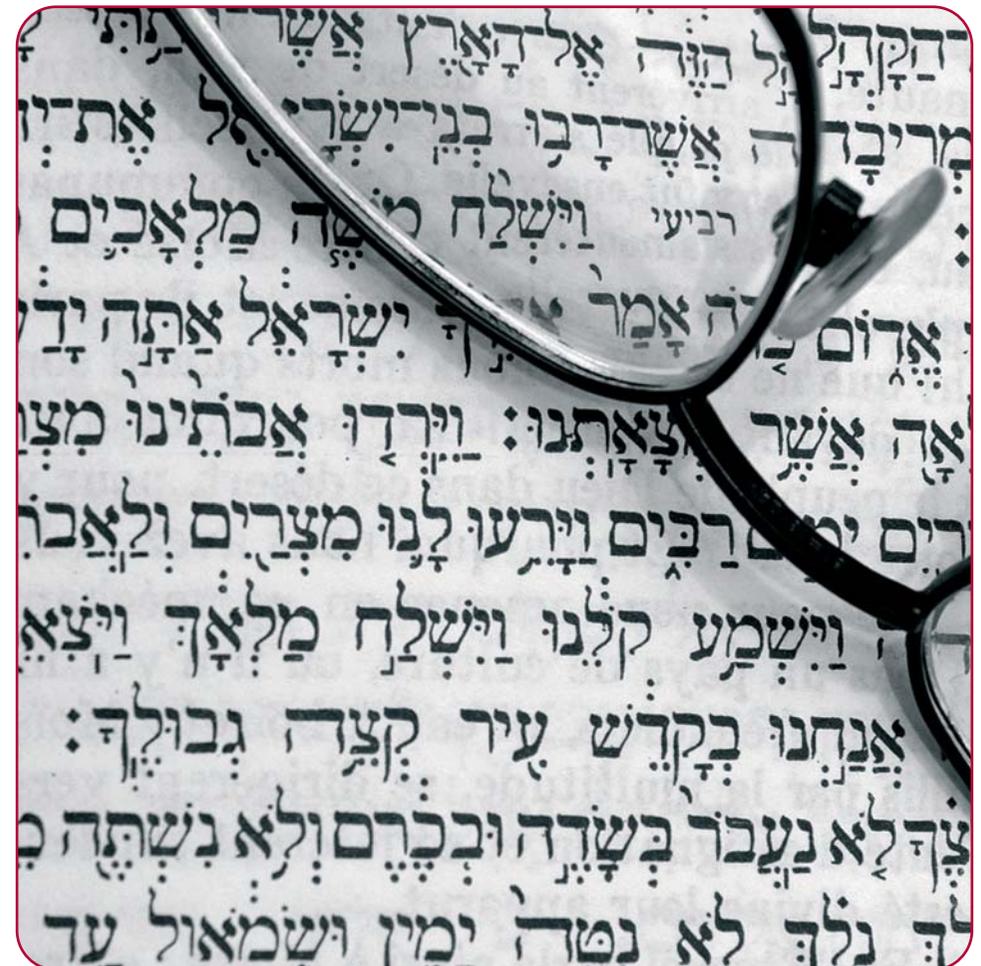
The full specification is available online along with a short questionnaire enabling you to share your comments on the specification and help shape the materials developed to support it. For more information including answers to frequently asked questions visit [www.ocr.org.uk/14-19alevels](http://www.ocr.org.uk/14-19alevels)

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# Mapping the changes to the A Level Biblical Hebrew specification for first teaching September 2008

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AS

Existing specification					
Current unit title	Unit code	What remains the same?	What is changing?	Why is it changing?	Guidance
Translation, comprehension, texts and essays	<b>2758</b> Mandatory 100% (AS) 50% (A Level) 3hr exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Single Unit</li> <li>• 3hr exam</li> <li>• Assessment Objectives unchanged but weighting slightly amended.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Language will be addressed in Section A, Literature in Section B. Section C (essay titles) is no longer part of the exam.</li> <li>• The weighting of the Assessment Objectives (AO1 and AO2) has been slightly amended.</li> <li>• The set texts will be different.</li> <li>• Essay titles will no longer be set. Instead the comprehension questions will be extended to include comprehensive comments on aspects of the set texts.</li> <li>• New unit code F191</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To allow teachers and students to follow a more logical teaching approach.</li> <li>• To allow students to concentrate on one area at a time in the examination.</li> <li>• This structure also means that the examination paper mirrors that of the 4-unit A Levels, to make lessons and exams more familiar to students.</li> <li>• QCA requested the change to reflect criteria for 'Classics'</li> <li>• To give students the opportunity to study different types of literature</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educational guides, written and published by the Chief Examiner, are available to support the qualification.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Translation, comprehension, literature and composition</b></p>	<p><b>2759</b> Mandatory 50% (AS) 3hr exam</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Single Unit</li> <li>• 3hr exam</li> <li>• Assessment Objectives unchanged but weighting slightly amended.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Language will be addressed in Section A, Literature in Section B. The new Section A incorporates the current Section C.</li> <li>• The weighting of the Assessment Objectives (AO1 and AO2) has been slightly amended.</li> <li>• The set texts will be different.</li> <li>• New unit code F192</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To allow teachers and students to follow a more logical teaching approach.</li> <li>• To allow students to concentrate on one area at a time in the examination.</li> <li>• This structure also means that the examination paper mirrors that of the 4-unit A Levels, to make lessons and exams more familiar to students.</li> <li>• QCA requested the change to reflect criteria for 'Classics'</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educational guides, written and published by the Chief Examiner, are available to support the qualification.</li> </ul>

A2

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Candidates must complete one unit at AS and one unit at A2



**AS**

**A2**

New unit title	New unit code	Benefits to me and my learners	Support
<b>Translation, comprehension and literature.</b>	<b>F191</b> Mandatory 100% (AS) 50% (A Level) 3hr exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strong AS option for students wishing to broaden their educational experience and/or add to study in areas such as Latin and Greek.</li> <li>• Teachers and students can follow a logical approach to teaching and learning, focusing on language skills and literature skills.</li> <li>• Students are able to concentrate on one area at a time in the examination.</li> <li>• The structure mirrors that of the 4-unit A Levels, to make lessons and exams more familiar to students.</li> <li>• The students have the opportunity to study different types of literature, whereas previously certain types (e.g. poetry) might have been avoided.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educational guides, written and published by the Chief Examiner, are available to support the qualification.</li> <li>• Guidance within specification</li> <li>• Sample Assessment Material</li> </ul>
<b>Translation, comprehension, composition and literature.</b>	<b>F192</b> Mandatory 50% (A Level) 3hr exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More specific content builds upon work undertaken at AS.</li> <li>• Teachers and students can follow a logical approach to teaching and learning, focusing on language skills and literature skills.</li> <li>• Students are able to concentrate on one area at a time in the examination.</li> <li>• The structure mirrors that of the 4-unit A Levels, to make lessons and exams more familiar to students.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educational guides, written and published by the Chief Examiner, are available to support the qualification.</li> <li>• Guidance within specification</li> <li>• Sample Assessment Material</li> </ul>