

NOTICE TO CENTRES

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Subject: GCE ICT (H117/H517)

Revisions to the GCE ICT (H117/H517) specification

A number of revisions have been made to the GCE ICT specification for teaching from September 2012. These changes have been made to update the specification with regard to new technology and to rebalance the specification with regard to the theory at AS and A2.

The list below summarises the main changes from the most recent version of the specification (version 2, online edition, February 2008).

- **Unit G061 (Information, Systems and Applications), pages 7–12:**
 - Some of the key words have been changed. For example, in section 3.1.1 c, the keyword has been changed from *describe* to *compare*.
 - There has also been a reduction in content to allow candidates to learn, understand and apply the remaining content in greater depth. For example, the list of applications in section 3.1.3 b has been reduced.
 - Advances in technology and software have made some of the content redundant – for example, section 3.1.3 i.
- **Unit G062 (Structured ICT Tasks), pages 13–15:**
 - There are minimal changes to this section of the specification.
- **Unit G063 (ICT Systems, Applications and Implications), pages 15–21:**
 - As with Unit G061, there have been some changes to key words. For example, in section 3.3.1 b the keyword has been changed from *describe* to *discuss*.
 - Some content has been moved to Unit G061 (for example, in section 3.3.1)
 - Content has been updated to reflect advances in technology. For example, in sections 3.3.3 h, m and n.

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- **Unit G064 (ICT Project), pages 22–26:**

- Some areas of the specification for Unit G064 have been reworded.
- The distribution of marks for Unit G064 has changed.
- The *Definition, investigation and analysis* section (3.4.1) has been changed to reflect the need for two different areas of information collection – the current system and the requirements of the new system.
- Test plans have been moved into the *Design* section (3.4.2).
- The *Software development, testing and installation* section (3.4.3) has been changed to clarify the requirements of the detailed description of one element of testing.
- The *Evaluation* section (3.4.5) has been broken down into separate parts.
- The exemplification of Unit G064 marking criteria has been added as Appendix B (page 50).

To make it clear where significant changes have been made to the specification, vertical lines have been inserted next to the relevant text in Version 4 (March 2012) of the specification. **Please download an up-to-date version of the specification and discard any previous copies.** The specification can be downloaded from the ICT qualification pages on the [OCR website](#).

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