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Important Notice: Changes to GCSE Physical Education controlled assessments

Dear Colleague

I am writing to inform you of important changes to OCR's specifications for GCSE Physical Education in respect of the controlled assessment units B452 and B454. We have listened to your feedback, particularly in relation to the delivery of the controlled assessment analysis tasks, and as a result we have amended the guidance for the controlled assessment which has now been accredited Ofqual.

Analysing Lifestyle and Analysing Performance tasks

The updated specification and Guide to Controlled Assessment are available to download from our website.

The clarifications in summary are:

- Guidance about delivery consolidated together for consistency and ease of reference
- Clarification as to what the task induction stage should cover
- Clarification of the way in which work should be presented, in particular the clear distinction between task research and task production work
- Assessment criteria made more explicit in each level

To support the delivery of the tasks, marking grids in line with the clarified criteria and task research booklets are to be provided by OCR for use by centres. The nature and focus of the tasks has not changed and these amendments should simply serve to make clearer the requirements of the tasks and elements of their delivery and presentation.

Deadlines for the submission of marks to the moderator

Following the June 2011 series, it has been decided that final marks are to be submitted to the moderator by centres prior to moderation visits for the majority of practical activities, and for moderators to then select specific candidates for moderation.

From 2011/12, deadlines for the submission of final marks to the moderator are:

- **15 March** for the majority of marks
- **1 May** for 'seasonal' activities and Analysing Lifestyle and Analysing Performance

The 'seasonal' activities are:

- Cricket
- Hill Walking and Campcraft
- Rock Climbing
- Rounders
- Skiing
- Snowboarding
- Softball
- Tennis
- Track and Field athletics

- **ALL** candidate marks in activities other than for those seasonal activities listed above must be sent to the moderator by 15 March, prior to moderation
- **ALL** candidate marks in seasonal activities must be accompanied by filmed evidence if submitted for the later deadline of 1 May
- Visiting moderation period is **15 March – 15 May**

Updated practical activity information

Following feedback from centres and moderators, some practical activity criteria has been reviewed and updated. In many cases this is simply providing additional detail in the skills section for some activities where this was thought to be lacking.

Updated versions of the Specifications and the Guide to Controlled Assessment are available on the GCSE Physical Education section of the OCR website to reflect these updates.

<http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/type/gcse/blt/pe/documents/index.html>

If you have any questions, please contact us on general.qualifications@ocr.org.uk or 01223 55 3998.

Kind regards



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