

GCE A Levels & International Advanced Levels (IAL) qualifications

Important Notice for Making Examination Registrations in Hong Kong by HKEAA

May/June 2019 IAL Examinations

Please read the below information when registering for International Advanced Level (IAL) examinations in May/June 2019.

GCE A levels

GCE A level examinations are only available in the May / June examination series.

International Advanced Levels (IAL)

Subjects available in the IAL May/June 2019 examination series and offered in HK by HKEAA (**please refer to International Information Manual for unit availability**):

- Accounting
- Arabic
- Biology (legacy specification)
- Business Studies (legacy specification)
- Chemistry (legacy specification)
- Economics (legacy specification)
- English Language
- English Literature
- History
- Mathematics (Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Pure Mathematics – legacy specification)
- Physics (legacy specification)
- Psychology

Transition from Legacy to New IAL Specifications

The following subjects will have final sitting of legacy AS-Level and A2-Level examinations in May / June 2019 examination series. Candidates must enter all contributing units of their intended AS / A-Level qualification(s) and enter all eligible cash-in code(s) by May / June 2019. Candidates are not able to combine legacy (2013) and redeveloped (2018) units.

- Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)
- Business
- Economics

Mathematics subject have different assessment changes and timelines. Decision Mathematics has been updated (WDM11). The Core Mathematics units (WMA01 and WMA02) have been renamed Pure Mathematics and split as follows:

- Core Mathematics 12 content has been restructured into 2 units: Pure Mathematics 1 (WMA11) and Pure Mathematics 2 (WMA12)

- Core Mathematics 34 content has been restructured into 2 units: Pure Mathematics 3 (WMA13) and Pure Mathematics 4 (WMA14)

For details of the above assessment changes and timelines, please refer to the Edexcel's website <https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-international-advanced-levels/international-advanced-level-from-2018.html>

IAL Re-sit

For all IALs, except for Mathematics, candidates will be able to re-sit individual units once before certification.

If candidates resit examinations more than once, only the last 2 results will be taken into consideration when awarding the grade. This means that the higher mark of the last two examinations will be used to calculate the grade.

For instance if a candidate sits an examination for the first time and achieve 80 marks and sit the same examination again and achieve 70 marks (80 marks will be used to calculate overall subject grade). However if the candidate sits the same examination again and achieves 60 marks, 70 marks will be used to calculate the grade (the first 80 marks is no longer valid as only the last two attempts will be eligible to use).

The specific guidance for IAL Mathematics is set out in the document titled Aggregation Rules and Guidance here:

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/International%20Advanced%20Level/Mathematics/2018/Teaching-and-Learning-Materials/Aggregation-Rules-and-Guidance.pdf>

Candidates are only counted as taking an examination if they **were present** at the time of the examination. If a candidate is absent from the examination, it will not count as an attempt.

Information Regarding GCE Certification and IAL Certification:

- Only GCE units can contribute to GCE awards. (IAL units cannot contribute to a GCE award).
- Candidates who wish to obtain IAL qualifications must use IAL units only to cash in for IAL qualifications.
- Candidates may enter for both GCE and IAL subjects.
- GCE examinations are only available in the May / June examination series.
- Candidates must use the same UCI for both the GCE and IAL examinations.
- Candidates who take IAL examinations will be awarded IAL certificates. IAL certificates will have Pearson Logo as they are regulated by Pearson.

Other Important Information:

- For information regarding university progression and recognition for IAL qualifications, please check our [Progress to University](#)
- Candidates must check that they are eligible to sit examinations and that they have sufficient IAL units to cash-in for the qualification when requesting for cash-in.

Fact sheet: GCE A levels and IAL qualifications:

<u>GCE A levels</u>	<u>IAL</u>
Linear Science subjects available are: Physics, Chemistry, Biology (Please note that Science Practical Endorsement is not offered by HKEAA)	Science subjects available are: Physics, Chemistry, Biology (with 100% written examinations).
See full list on the website here. https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels.html	See full list on the website here. https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-international-advanced-levels.html
GCE awards and certificates: follow GCE specifications	IAL awards and certificates: follow IAL 2013 and 2018 specifications - Candidates are not able to combine 2013 and 2018 Units in all specifications, except for IAL Mathematics. Contents and assessments are different.
Examinations are available in May / June only	Examinations are available in January, May / June and October. * - Not all subjects or units are available in the January and October examination series. Refer to International Information Manual for the list of subjects available in each series
Resit opportunities: - Linear qualifications: Resit the whole qualification. - Modular qualifications: Resit unit - Refer to full list of subjects for final resit opportunities for legacy AS and A levels below on the website link https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/GCSE/support-documents/Final-resits-for-legacy-as-and-a-levels.pdf	1 re-sit per unit before certification (only last 2 exam results eligible for grade award), except IAL Mathematics. - Please find link https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-international-advanced-levels/international-advanced-level-from-2018/key-dates-and-faqs.html on all transitional and re-sit arrangements. - Final re-sit of legacy unit(s) is/are applicable to re-sit candidates only.
The new GCE qualifications from September 2015: - Linear qualifications, all units must be taken in same examination series. - AS is a standalone qualification - AS results will not contribute to A level - If a candidate wants to achieve an A level he or she must enter for A level. - To re-sit a subject, he/she must re-sit all associated units in a single attempt at the appropriate level (AS or AL)	AS will continue to contribute to a full Advanced Level - New IAL qualifications from September 2018 are available on the website here https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-international-advanced-levels/international-advanced-level-from-2018.html

* **October examinations are not currently offered by HKEAA**

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