

London Examinations, IGCSE –May/June 2012
FAQ on Change of Examination Time

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1. **Why is there the need to change the time of the London IGCSE Examination?**

As advised by the examination board, Edexcel International, with effect from the May/June 2012 examination series, London IGCSEs (recently renamed as Edexcel International GCSEs by its examination board) will be subject to the same rules that currently apply to GCE A Level and GCSE examinations in all international centres, including those administered by the Authority in Hong Kong.

This change effectively means that London IGCSE candidates, similar to GCSE and GCE A Level candidates, must be kept under supervision by the HKEAA until 3:00 pm Hong Kong time (i.e. 7:00 am GMT) for morning examinations and 7:30 pm Hong Kong time (i.e. 11:30 am GMT) for afternoon examinations. In order to avoid keeping the candidates for a rather excessive post-examination quarantined period as stipulated by Edexcel International, it becomes necessary for the HKEAA to change the starting time of the original morning examinations from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, and original afternoon examinations from 2:00 pm to 6:30 pm, and original afternoon examinations from 2:00 pm to 6:30 pm as detailed below:

From		Change to	
May/June 2012 Examinations	Original starting time	May/June 2012 Examinations	Revised starting time
London IGCSE Morning Examinations	9:00 am	London IGCSE Afternoon Examinations	2:00 pm
London IGCSE Afternoon Examinations	2:00 pm	London IGCSE Evening Examinations	6:30 pm

2. **Will the timetables of other I/GCSE and GCE Examinations be affected?**

The timetables for other similar examinations (i.e. the May/June 2012 Cambridge GCE Examinations, Cambridge IGCSE Examinations, London GCE and London GCSE Chinese Examinations) REMAIN UNCHANGED.

3. What should I do if I want to withdraw London IGCSE subject(s) entered?

If London IGCSE candidates decide to withdraw subject(s) entered or withdraw completely from the examination, they should put a tick in the appropriate box on the Consent and Withdrawal Form and submit the form to the International and Professional Examinations Division of the Authority on or before **13 February 2012**.

4. If I withdraw from the May/June 2012 London IGCSE Examination due to change of examination time, will the examination fee be refunded?

Under these special circumstances, the due examination fees paid will be refunded in full to the London IGCSE candidates provided that their examination registration was made before **17 January 2012** and their respective Consent and Withdrawal Forms are duly completed and returned to the HKEAA on or before **13 February 2012**.

5. What should I do if the revised examination time clashes with the time of another examination that I have already entered and yet I want to sit both examinations?

You may contact the staff of the International and Professional Examinations Division of the Authority for assistance at 3628 8761 press 2 # 1119 for assistance.