

Circular S/IF/21/23

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To: The Principals of Post-primary Schools and Directors of Further and Higher Education

For circulation to: All Heads of Department and Examination Officers

GCE Professional Business Services

Removal of the existing specification and introduction of the new specification

CCEA has launched a new Specification for GCE Professional Business Services. The ‘current specification’ should be used for the last time, in the 2022-2023 academic year for **AS and A2** candidates and in the 2023-2024 academic year for **A2** candidates **only**.

Removal of the existing specification and introduction of the new specification will proceed as shown in the table below.

The last opportunity to resit ‘current specification’ AS and A2 units, will be Summer 2024 for AS units and Summer 2025 for A2 units.

Examinations for the ‘new specification’ will start in Summer 2024 for AS units and Summer 2025 for A2 units.

Spec	Summer 2023	Summer 2024	Summer 2025	Summer 2026
Current Spec First Teaching (FT) Sep 2017	AS 1 (FT 2022) AS 2 (FT 2022) CW AS 3 (FT 2022) A2 1 (FT 2021) A2 2 (FT 2021) A2 3 (FT 2021) CW	AS 1 Resit (FT2022) AS 2 Resit (FT2022) CW AS 3 Resit (FT 2022) A2 1 (FT2022) A2 2 (FT2022) A2 3 (FT2022) CW	A2 1 Resit (FT 2022) A2 2 Resit (FT 2022) A2 3 Resit (FT 2022) CW	Withdrawn
New Spec First Teaching Sep 2023		AS 1 SPS1 (FT2023) AS 2 SPS2 (FT2023) CW AS 3 SPS3 (FT2023)	AS 1 SPS1 (FT2024) AS 2 SPS2 (FT2024) CW AS 3 SPS3 (FT2024) A2 1 APS1 (FT2023) A2 2 APS2 (FT2023) A2 3 APS3 (FT2023) CW	



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Centres must take great care in ensuring the correct examinations are opened for first time and resit candidates. Note the new codes for the Units in the new specification.

Unit / Cash-in	Current Spec	Revised Spec
AS 1	SPB1	SPS1
AS 2	SPB2	SPS2
AS 3	SPB3	SPS3
AS Cash-in	S3000	S3002
A2 1	APB1	APS1
A2 2	APB2	APS2
A2 3	APB3	APS3
A2 Cash-in	A3000	A3002

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