

# Choosing grade sets – additional guidance for schools

We offer two different grade sets to report candidates' performance in a number of Cambridge IGCSE syllabuses for schools in administrative zone 3. You can choose to have your candidates' performance reported using either an A\*–G grade set or a 9–1 grade set. This guide will help you make accurate exam entries so that your candidates receive results using the grade set they expect.

You must enter candidates for the correct Cambridge IGCSE syllabus code. Each syllabus code uses a specific grade set. **Once you have made an entry for either grade set (A\*–G or 9–1), you will not be able to move to the other grade set after the entries deadline.**

Below is list of Cambridge IGCSE subjects where we offer either an A\*–G grade set or a 9–1 grade set to report your candidates' results. Make sure the entry you make is for the correct syllabus code.

Cambridge IGCSE subject	A*–G graded syllabus code	9–1 graded syllabus code
Biology	0610	0970
Chemistry	0620	0971
Physics	0625	0972
Mathematics	0580	0980
Mathematics (UK only – final exam November 2019)	N/A	0626
First Language English	0500	0990
First Language English (UK only – final exam November 2019)	N/A	0627
English as a Second Language (Speaking endorsement)	0510	0993
English as a Second Language (Count-in speaking)	0511	0991
Literature in English	0486 (last exam November 2019) 0475 (from 2020)	0992
Literature in English (UK only – final exam November 2019)	N/A	0477
Geography	0460	0976
History	0470	0977
Business Studies	0450	0986
French	0520	7156
German	0525	7159
Spanish	0530	7160
Italian	0535	7164
Computer Science	0478	0984
Co-ordinated Sciences	0654	0973
Physical Education	0413	0995
Music	0410	0978
Design and Technology	0445	0979
Drama	0411	0994
Art and Design	0400	0989

Accounting (from June 2020)	0452	0985
Economics (from June 2020)	0455	0987
First Language Arabic (from June 2020)	0508	7184
Information and Communications Technology (from June 2020)	0417	0983

In 2019, UK schools have a choice of three Cambridge IGCSE syllabuses for First Language English, English Literature, and Mathematics. Our [guidance document](#) explains the key features of each, to help you make sure that candidates are entered for the correct syllabus.

### **There are two Cambridge IGCSEs in English as a Second Language**

We offer two Cambridge IGCSEs in English as a Second Language, 0510 and 0511:

- 0511 has a speaking component which contributes the candidate's final syllabus grade.
- 0510 has a speaking component that does not contribute towards the candidate's final syllabus grade; the result for speaking is reported separately.

Both 0511 and 0510 have 9–1 graded equivalent syllabuses:

- 0991 is the 0511 equivalent syllabus (with speaking contributing to the candidate's final syllabus grade).
- 0993 is the 0510 equivalent syllabus (with the result for speaking reported separately).

When making entries, make sure the syllabus code you select will give your candidates their results in the format you expect.

### **Take extra care when using A\*–G and 9–1 syllabuses in the same subject**

If you make entries for some candidates for A\*–G and some candidates for 9–1 graded Cambridge IGCSEs **in the same subject** please take extra care when administering the exam.

Candidates will sit the exam at the same time, so you will need to make sure each candidate is sitting the exam paper that corresponds to the grade set intended for them. Double-check the syllabus code on the exam papers before distributing them to the candidates.

We will not be able to rectify any errors after the exam has taken place. We are not able to move a candidate or group of candidates between grade sets if you have entered them for, or they have sat, the incorrect paper.

### **If you need to change incorrect entries**

If you make an entry for the 9–1 grading scale, it is not possible to switch to the A\*–G grading scale once the entries deadline has passed. Similarly, you cannot move from an A\*–G grading scale to a 9–1 grading scale after the entries deadline. If you make an entry for the wrong grading scale, you must withdraw and re-enter before the entries deadline.

If you want to make any amendments to your entries, including moving candidate entries from a 9–1 syllabus to an A\*–G syllabus (or vice versa), do so as quickly as possible. You can use CIE Direct to make amendments to your entries and then submit your amendments to us.

If you encounter any difficulties or need urgent support, email or call us: [info@cambridgeinternational.org](mailto:info@cambridgeinternational.org) or +44 1223 553554

If you identify any errors in your entries after the late entries deadline, contact us immediately. Any changes that we are able to make after the entries deadline will incur our standard late entry fees.