Some syllabuses allow candidates to carry forward marks from a previous series to a later series. Candidates can carry forward marks if they wish to improve their syllabus grades for Cambridge IGCSEs, O Levels or Pre-U syllabuses, or to count towards the next stage of their assessment by using Cambridge International AS Level results towards a Cambridge International A Level. You must make carry forward entries when you make your usual syllabus entries.

The following guidance has been put together to support you to understand Carry forward entries and to answer our most popular frequently asked questions.

**Carry forward entry rules for Cambridge IGCSE, O Level and Pre-U:**

The following graphic shows the process of what happens to carry forward components for Cambridge IGCSE, O Level and Pre-U syllabuses.

**Carry forward for Cambridge IGCSE, O Level and Pre-U (from June):**

- First sitting in June
- First set of results
- Syllabus exams and internally assessed component
- Carry forward internally assessed mark
- Second sitting in November OR June
- New results for exams and internally assessed marks carried forward
- This can be up to 13 months from the first sitting

**Carry forward for Cambridge IGCSE, O Level and Pre-U (from November):**

- First sitting in November
- First set of results
- Syllabus exams and internally assessed component
- Carry forward internally assessed mark
- Second sitting in June OR November
- New results for exams and internally assessed marks carried forward
- This can be up to 13 months from the first sitting
The following questions answer some of your big questions about carry forward entries for Cambridge IGCSE, O Level and Pre-U syllabuses.

**Question: How many times can candidates carry forward marks for Cambridge IGCSE, O Level and Pre-U?**

Answer: Marks for Cambridge IGCSE, O Level and Pre-U can only be carried forward once; if a candidate carries forward marks to the next series and then later wishes to retake the syllabus, it is not possible to carry forward the same marks again.

All marks must be carried forward within 13 months from the first time the candidate took the syllabus.

**Question: Are there time restrictions for carrying forward marks?**

Answer: Yes, you can only carry forward candidates’ marks 13 months from the first time the candidate takes the syllabus that the candidate is carrying forward marks from.

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Carry forward entry rules for Cambridge International AS & A Level:
The following graphic shows the process of what happens to carry forward components for Cambridge International AS & A Level syllabuses.

The following questions answer some of your big questions about carry forward entries for Cambridge International AS & A Level syllabuses.

**Question: How many times can candidates carry forward marks for Cambridge International AS & A Levels?**

**Answer:** Marks for Cambridge International AS Level can only be carried forward **twice**.

All marks must be carried forward within 13 months from the first time the candidate took the AS Level components.
Question: Are there time restrictions for carrying forward marks?

Answer: You can only carry forward candidates’ marks 13 months from the first time the candidate takes the syllabus that the candidate is carrying forward marks from.

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When a candidate sits Cambridge International AS Level exams and carries forward the marks to their Cambridge International A2 sitting, the date for carry forward starts from the sitting of the Cambridge International AS Level and NOT the date of the Cambridge International A2.

Question: Which carry forward options do I select when candidates carry forward Cambridge International AS Level results?

Answer: You have lots of options for carrying forward Cambridge International AS Level results, depending on if the candidate wants to achieve the A Level grade, or wants to complete the A Level and try and improve their AS Level grade too. Let’s look at some examples:

1. In this example, highlighted in blue, the candidate is entered to complete Cambridge International AS Level Sociology (9699) only. There is no carry forward option.

2. In this example, highlighted in red, the candidate is completing the same Cambridge International A Level Sociology (9699). The candidate is taking the A2 Level component and carrying forward the AS Level grade from the previous June series.

3. In this example, the candidate is again completing the Cambridge International A Level Sociology (9699) highlighted in purple. This time, they are taking the A2 Level component and carrying forward the AS Level grade but from the previous November series, rather than the June. It is important you
make the correct entry, using the correct carry forward component for the series in which the AS Level was completed. The difference is shown between example 2 and 3.

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<td>AY</td>
<td>12, 22, 32</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>BY</td>
<td>32, 80</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>CY</td>
<td>32, 90</td>
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<tr>
<td>DY</td>
<td>12, 22, 32, 88, 90</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<tr>
<td>SY</td>
<td>12, 22 (AS Level)</td>
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<td>12</td>
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4. Now in this example, highlighted in green, the candidate is not carrying forward from any previous series and is completing both Cambridge International AS Level & A2 Level Sociology (9699) exams in one series.

5. Finally, in this example, highlighted in yellow, the candidate has completed the Cambridge International AS Level Sociology (9699) previously in either or both June and November series. The candidate is now sitting the full A Level and also carrying forward their AS marks from the previous June and/or November series. This means they need to be entered for all the components. In this situation, we compare all of the candidate's results and give them highest marks achieved across all their series for their grade.

When marks are being carried forward from one series to another, centres need to check carefully that the option code for the upcoming exam includes the correct components for the series in which the candidate took the original Cambridge International AS Level exams.
Carry forward entry rules for all Cambridge qualifications:

The following questions answer some of our big FAQs about carry forward entries for all Cambridge syllabuses.

**Question: Can candidates carry forward across different syllabuses?**

Answer: Candidates can only carry forward marks from the same syllabus with the matching syllabus code.

For example, a candidate cannot carry forward marks from Cambridge IGCSE English as a Second Language (0510) (speaking endorsement) to Cambridge IGCSE English as a Second Language (0511) (count-in speaking) because these are different syllabuses.

There are a very limited number of exceptions to this and these are specifically noted in the Cambridge Guide to Making Entries.

**Question: Do Cambridge International check all entry codes before processing them?**

Answer: Entries for candidates, including their carry forward option codes, are not automatically checked by us. It is the responsibility of centres to make sure they check the candidates have valid marks to carry forward and that a correct option code is selected for the candidate.

**Question: Can candidates still be entered for carry forward options even if they do not have marks for all papers which make up the carry forward component?**

Answer: No, candidates must have marks for ALL papers which make up the carry forward component – not just some - in order to receive a result.

If a candidate is missing a mark for one or more of the papers which make up the carry forward component, the candidate will not receive a grade for the syllabus. The papers which make up the carry forward are indicated under the relevant component code.

For example, a carry forward component includes papers 11, 21 and 31. The candidate has marks for 11 and 21, but not 31. In this case, they will not receive a grade for the syllabus.

**Question: If a candidate achieved a mark for an internally assessed component, but was later withdrawn from the syllabus, can the candidate still carry forward the internally assessed mark?**

Answer: No, it is no longer possible to carry forward this mark as the candidate was withdrawn from the syllabus.

**Question: Can candidates carry forward marks from the India only March series to the June series?**

Answer: No, if a candidate sits the original exam in the March series, they will not be able to carry forward the mark to the June series of the same year. They will only be able to carry forward this mark to the November series in the same year or the March series of the following year. This is because the results for the March series are not released until the June series timetabled exams have started.