

Updates to the Cambridge Handbook 2026

Throughout the year we may make updates to the current Cambridge Handbook where we can see that critical information needs to be amended or added. This document shows the updates we have made.

Page number(s)	Section(s)	Details of change	Date changed	Any other information
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction 	Removed clause about European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) as this is no longer applicable to exam materials.	January 2026	
32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.2.5(f) 	Updated reference to section 5.4 for deadline of returning scripts.	January 2026	
68 71	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.2.9 3.3.4 	Removed sub-sections about submitting coursework for more than one syllabus.	January 2026	Subsequent sub-sections have been renumbered.
93	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4.3.2 	Added examples of digital confidential materials.	January 2026	
110	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.2.5 	Added a new sub-section about dealing with a possible problem with an exam.	January 2026	This also affects the Cambridge Handbook 2026: sections 4 and 5 (abridged).
118	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.5.3(f) 	Added a new part about calculating assessed marks for optional components.	January 2026	
130	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.7.4.7 	Added a new paragraph about using software offline in practical IT tests.	January 2026	
32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.2.5 	Updated the final timetable and provisional timetable publication dates for the March Checkpoint test series.	February 2026	
35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.3.4 	Separated the October test series (Checkpoint) and November exam series application deadline columns in the table to make it clear that there are no retake entries for the October test series (Checkpoint).	February 2026	

134 & 148	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6.1.3 • 6.4.2 	The deadline date for you to tell us of any changes needed for personal information on statements of results for the June 2026 series is 26 September 2026.	February 2026	This also affects the Cambridge Handbook (UK Supplement) 2026 and 2026 international and UK monthly calendars, which are available on our website .
111	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5.2 'Be aware' box 	Removed the Cambridge O Level syllabuses because these are Mauritius-only syllabuses. Added 'Language' to the syllabus title for Cambridge International AS Level Spanish (8022/01, 02).	May 2026	This also affects the Cambridge Handbook 2026: sections 4 and 5 (abridged).
113	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5.4 	Added that all multiple-choice answer sheets must be returned, including for candidates that are absent or have withdrawn.	May 2026	This also affects the Cambridge Handbook 2026: sections 4 and 5 (abridged).
128	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5.7.3 	Added A Level 'open book' literature components to the list. Corrected the syllabus title of IGCSE 0475 and (9–1) 0992 to 'Literature in English'. Corrected the syllabus title, code and components of IGCSE 0488 to 'Cambridge IGCSE Literature in Spanish (0474) Paper 1 and Paper 2'.	May 2026	