

Differences between Cambridge International Examinations and JCQ

Because we are an international exam board and are not a member of the JCQ, some of our processes and regulations are different. Read on to find out where our regulations differ from the JCQ regulations set out in their *Instructions for Conducting Examinations* and other documents on the JCQ website.

Phase 1: Preparation

Final timetables

We try to align our timetable to the JCQ timetable where possible. Because our qualifications are taken in 160 countries, we produce a set of timetables across our six administrative zones for each series. We cannot publish the UK timetable earlier as it is produced alongside the other timetables. See section 1.2 of the >*Cambridge Handbook*.



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Key Times

To safeguard the security of our exams internationally, we use Key Times instead of start times. All candidates must be in the exam or under Full Centre Supervision at the Key Time. If you run Cambridge Pre-U exams we give you start times instead of Key Times. See section 4.6.1 of the *Cambridge Handbook*.



Access arrangements

You cannot apply for Cambridge access arrangements using Access Arrangements Online (AAO).

If the JCQ has already approved the access arrangements you are requesting, please complete the first section of *Preparation – Form 1* up to section A and submit the form with your JCQ outcome letter.

Our deadlines for access arrangements are much earlier than JCQ's because our exam series start earlier.

(Please see the table at the top of the next page.)

Differences between Cambridge International Examinations and JCQ continued

June series	Cambridge	JCQ
Modified papers	21 January	31 January
Non-delegated access arrangements	21 January	21 February
Delegated access arrangements	31 March	n/a
November series	Cambridge	JCQ
	Cambridge	300
Modified papers	1 July	20 September

Modified papers

We only accept applications for modified question papers if you have already submitted a final entry for the relevant candidate, syllabus and component. See section 1.3.7 of the *>Cambridge Handbook*.

Phase 2: Entries

Entry fees

Our late entry stages are different from other exam boards. Between the entries deadline and the late entries deadline, you can make entries or entry amendments but you will be charged late entry fees. In exceptional circumstances, you can make entries or amendments after the late entries deadline by:

- allowing candidates to sit the exam without an entry as long as you meet the requirements listed in section 5.1.5 of the >*Cambridge Handbook*
- asking us to send you additional question papers if you do not have enough spare question papers for each of the relevant components. Each request will be considered on a case-by-case basis, and we reserve the right to decline any request received after the late entry deadline.

You will be charged a very late entry fee for any unauthorised entries or for any additional question papers we send you. See our fees list in the 'My Messages' section of CIE Direct for details. It may not be possible for us to release results for these candidates at the same time as other results.

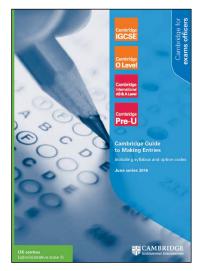
	June series	November series
You can start to make entries	From mid November	From mid May
Entries deadline	21 February	21 September
Late entries deadline	17 April	30 September

Checking and amending your entries

You should use the same method to submit your entries and amendments in the same exam series. If you use the A2C Migration Application, submit one entry file for all your entries. To make any amendments, export an 'Amendment file' and submit it to us through the A2C Migration Application. You must check that your entry data is correct and complete on CIE Direct, even if you have submitted your entries and amendments using the A2C Migration Application or any MIS package. See section 2.3 of the >Cambridge Handbook.

Option entry codes

As Cambridge qualifications are linear, we use syllabus and option codes instead of unit codes and rules of combination. When you make your entries, you must select the relevant syllabus code and option code that represents the combination of components you want to enter the candidate for, including the components that can be carried forward from a previous series. You cannot enter candidates for a single component. Candidates need to complete all the components in an option to receive a syllabus grade. You do not need to submit a cash-in code with your entries. Instructions for making entries and a list of syllabus and option codes are in the *Cambridge Guide to Making Entries*.



Option code	Candidates take components	Available to private candidates?	
AR	11. 31 (Core)	Yes	
AS	11. 31. 5 (Core)		
AT	11, 31, 6 (Core)		
BR	11. 4 (Core)		
BS	11, 4, 5 (Core)		
BT	11, 4, 6 (Core)		
CR	21, 31 (Extended)	Yes	
CS	21. 31. 5 (Extended)		
СТ	21. 31. 6 (Extended)		
DR	21, 4 (Extended)		
DS	21, 4, 5 (Extended)		
DT	21. 4. 6 (Extended)		
ER	11. 84 (Core)	Yes	
ES	11, 5, 84 (Core)		
ET	11. 6, 84 (Core)		
FR	21. 84 (Extended)	Yes	
FS	21, 5, 84 (Extended)		
FT	21, 6, 84 (Extended)		

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Yes	11	Reading Passages (Core) 11	1h45m	50%
- C	21	Reading Passages (Extended) 21	2h	50%
-	31	Directed Writing & Composition 31	2h	50%
	4	Coursework Portfolio 04		50%
-	5	Speaking & Listening 05	12m	-
-	6	Speaking & Listening (Coursework) 06	-	
Yes				
	84	Coursework Portfolio Mark Carried Forward 84		50%
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Important information

Transferring candidates

We have specific regulations and processes for transferring candidates from one Centre to another. See section 2.1.3 of the >Cambridge Handbook.

Phase 4: Before the exams

Forecast grades

We continue to ask you to submit forecast (or estimated) grades as part of our quality assurance processes. See section 4.1 of the *Cambridge Handbook*.

Invigilator requirements

	Cambridge	JCO
Written exams	One invigilator for every 30 candidates	One invigilator for every 30 candidates
Practical tests	NEW One invigilator for every 20 candidates. A teacher of the subject should also be present to deal with any technical difficulties. For ICT practical tests, at least two invigilators must be present.	One invigilator for every 20 candidates

Posters

Please display the Notice to Candidates and Candidate Warning poster (shown right) inside and outside all exam rooms. JCQ only requires that the posters are displayed outside the exam room. If Cambridge exams are taking place in the same room at the same time as exams from other UK boards, you can display the JCQ posters outside the room and the Cambridge posters inside.



Notice to Candidates		
	Make sure you know the rules before you take your examinations.	
1.	You must be on time for all your examinations and any required periods of supervision.	
2.	You must provide what you need e.g. pens, pencils and rulers.	
3.	You may use a calculator unless you are told not to do so. You must not use the calculator function of another device.	
4.	You must not become involved in any unfair or dishonest practice before, during or after the examination.	
5,	You must not:	
	 sit an examination in the name of another candidate 	
	 have in your possession any unauthorised material, including electronic devices and mobile phones 	
6.	Possession of a mobile phone or other unauthorised material is breaking the rules, even if you do not intend to use it. If found in possession of unauthorised material you will be subject to penalty and possible disqualification.	
7.	You must not talk to, attempt to communicate with or cisturb other candidates once you have entered the examination room.	
8.	You must follow the instructions of the invigilator.	
	If you are in any doubt speak to the invigilator.	



This poster **must be** displayed in a prominent place outside each examination room.

Copies of >Cambridge Handbook

Place a copy of Parts 4 and 5 of the *>Cambridge Handbook* in each exam room and a copy of the full *>Cambridge Handbook* in the main exam room. See section 4.5 of the *>Cambridge Handbook*.

Phase 5: Exam day

Five-minute warning

You must give candidates a five-minute warning before the end of their exam. JCQ does not recommend the use of a five-minute warning. See section 5.2.3 of the >*Cambridge Handbook*.

Inspections

As we are not a member of the JCQ, we do not have access to JCQ inspection data so we need to carry out our own inspections. This may mean that you are visited by Cambridge inspectors as well as JCQ inspectors in the same series.

Leaving the exam room

Keep candidates who want to leave before the Key Time under Full Centre Supervision. Cambridge Pre-U candidates cannot leave the room until an hour after the start of the exam (or a period equal to the duration of the exam, if it is less than one hour long). See sections 5.2.4 and 5.3.4 of the *Cambridge Handbook*.

Question papers after the exam

Store Cambridge IGCSE and Cambridge International AS & A Level question papers securely for 24 hours after the end of the exam or after the Key Time, whichever is later. You can release Cambridge Pre-U question papers straight after the exam. Store empty question paper packets securely until results release. See section 5.3.2 of the *Cambridge Handbook*.

Script return

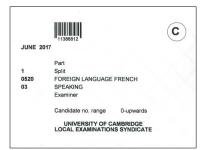
We send you bar-coded labels to return your scripts. You must attach the correct label to the outside of each script packet. There are different methods for returning your scripts depending on the qualification and your location. More information is available at www.cie.org.uk/scriptreturn



Yellow label (for regulated Cambridge IGCSE syllabuses and Cambridge Pre-U syllabuses)



Cambridge label (for non-regulated Cambridge IGCSE syllabuses and Cambridge International AS & A Level syllabuses)



White label (for internally assessed components and Centres outside England)

Phase 6: Results and certificates

Our results release dates are different from those of JCQ exam boards. June series results are released in mid August and November series results are released in mid January. Specific dates are communicated in the *Cambridge Exams Officer eNewsletter*.

June series	Cambridge deadlines	JCQ deadlines
Enquiries about results	20 September	20 September
Priority enquiries about results	23 August	26 August
Priority copies of scripts (to support enquiries about results)	23 August	26 August
Access to scripts	14 October	4 October
November series	Cambridge deadlines	JCQ deadlines
Enquiries about results	26 February	9 February
Access to scripts	11 March	28 February

Important information



You cannot request priority enquiries about results or priority copies of scripts for the November series.

Submitting enquiries about results

All component enquiries you want us to review for the same candidate and syllabus must be submitted at the same time. Any subsequent requests for the same syllabus and candidate will be rejected. This is because our qualifications are linear, so we look at the result the candidate is awarded in the context of the whole syllabus, rather than the individual component. View our guide to submitting enquiries at www.cie.org.uk/ear



