

# Assessment and exam administration

Cambridge New School Induction for exams officers



### New School Induction series

Audience and topic	Date	China Standard Time	Language
Head of Centre / Coordinator:	Tuesday 9 September	15:00 – 15:45	English
A guided tour	Tuesday 9 September	16:15 – 17:00	Chinese
Counsellor:	Thursday 11 September	15:00 – 15:45	English
Global recognition and support	Thursday 11 September	16:15 – 17:00	Chinese
Exams Officer:	Tuesday 16 September	15:00 – 15:45	English
Assessment and exams administration	Tuesday 16 September	16:15 – 17:00	Chinese
Academic team / subject teachers:	Thursday 18 September	15:00 – 15:45	English
Teaching and learning support, Professional Development and Cambridge Insight	Thursday 18 September	16:15 – 17:00	Chinese



# Agenda

- Working with Cambridge
- Cambridge approach to assessment
- Administering Cambridge exams
- Support for exams officer
- Staying connected with Cambridge



Working with Cambridge



- Familiar with Cambridge marketing resources for schools
- Deliver the right message to the public as Cambridge School

Assist students in applying to universities with Cambridge qualifications

Academic Head

**Head of** marketing / admissions

**Head of** college counsellors

**Head of** Center / **Coordinator** 

- Responsible for managing the school's academic affairs, including curriculum development and CPD
- Familiar with Cambridge resources on curriculum, teaching & learning, and PD
- Manage teachers' access to Cambridge resources and book training

**Head of PD** & Training coordinator

**Exams Officer** 

- Main point of contact for Cambridge exams
- Responsible for the administration and conduct of Cambridge exams in school



### The exams officer role



- Key point of contact between Cambridge and the Centre
- Administering exams effectively and securely
- Exam experience of students
- 'Centre and Cambridge Associate responsibilities' section of the Cambridge Handbook



Cambridge's approach to assessment



# Our principles

Good assessment is at the heart of a good education.

We design our assessments to be:

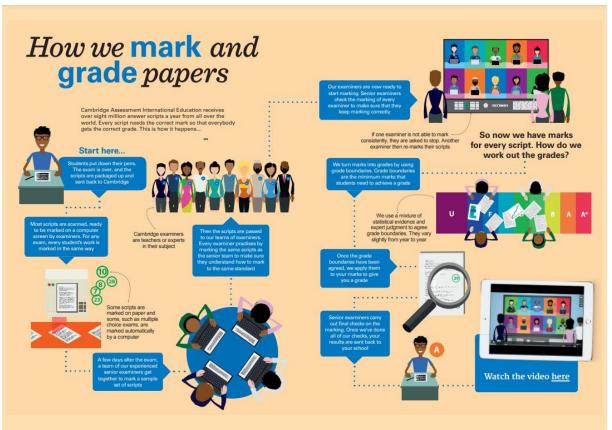
- Valid: an assessment assesses what it is intended to assess
- Reliable: the same outcome whenever students sit the exam, assuming their performance is comparable
- Practicable: an exam that can be administered and taken without excessive arrangements





Watch the video here

### How we create an exam paper? How we work out your results?



Read our guide or watch the video here





### Our exam series



### June / November series

- Cambridge IGCSEs
- Cambridge O Levels
- Cambridge International AS & A Levels
- Cambridge IPQ



### March / May / October test series

- Cambridge Primary Checkpoint
- Cambridge Lower Secondary Checkpoint

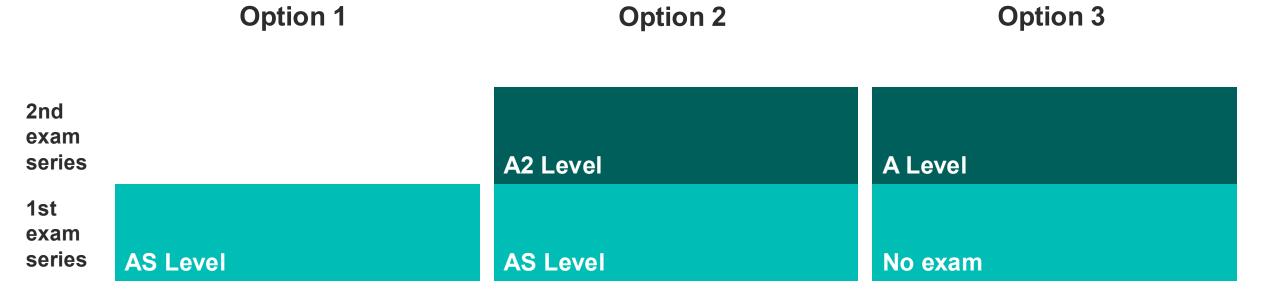
Read details about changes and FAQ <a href="here">here</a>



# Cambridge IGCSE, O Level & Cambridge International AS & A Levels



## Assessment options



- More time for in-depth teaching
- Greater opportunity for learners to develop a deeper understanding of their subject
- More likely to succeed later on



## How to find out the exam schedule for a subject?



### Syllabus

Cambridge IGCSE<sup>™</sup>
Japanese 0716

Use this syllabus for exams in 2027, 2028 and 2029.

Exams are available in the June series.

This syllabus is **not** available in all administrative zones.

Please check the syllabus page at www.cambridgeinternational.org/0716 to see if this syllabus is available in your administrative zone.

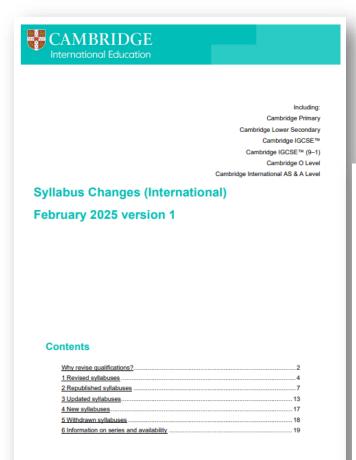
You can find out the exam schedule for a subject from the syllabus cover page.

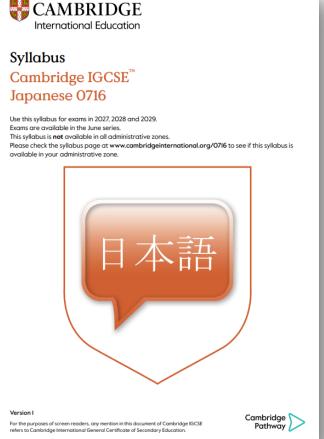


# Syllabus update

We provide advance notice of changes to syllabuses a year before first teaching.

- Visit the <u>'What's new'</u> pages on our public website.
- Sign up for e-Updates to keep up to date with changes to syllabuses.







Administering Cambridge exams



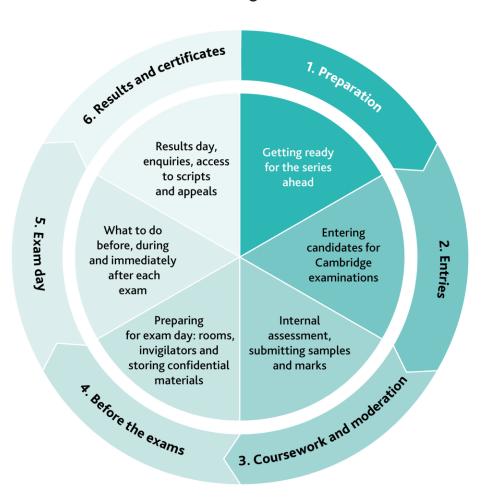
# Exams Officer's journey with Cambridge





# The Cambridge Exams Cycle



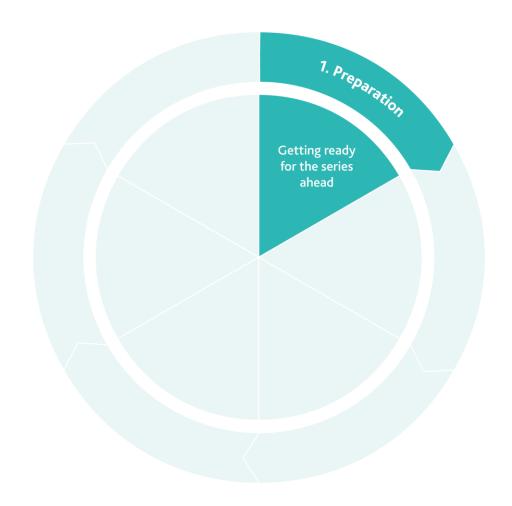


This session will cover the standard regulations and processes for administering exams. Please refer to the emails for any updates or variations specific to your areas.





# Phase 1: Preparation



- Key dates and activities
- Timetabling exams
- Access arrangement



Phase 1 Preparation



Cambridge Handbook – Key Times and Full Centre Supervision and Section 1 Preparation

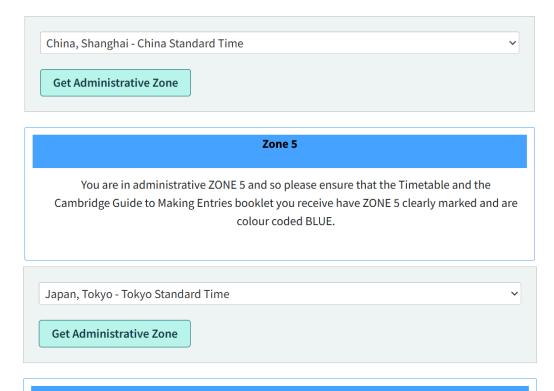


# Key basics

- Administrative Zone
- Key Time
- Full Centre Supervision



### Administrative Zone



#### Zone 5

You are in administrative ZONE 5 and so please ensure that the Timetable and the Cambridge Guide to Making Entries booklet you receive have ZONE 5 clearly marked and are colour coded BLUE.

Please select your location below to check which administrative zone you are in.







### Exam timetable

#### **Administrative Zone 5**



June 2025 timetable - Zone 5 (PDF, 817KB)



November 2025 timetable - Zone 5 (PDF, 796KB)





Cambridge IGCSE® Cambridge O Level Cambridge International AS & A Level

#### Cambridge Final Exam Timetable November 2025

#### Administrative zone 5

Test date windows
Cambridge IGCSE
Cambridge O Level
Cambridge International AS Level
Cambridge International A Level
Weekly view
29 September-04 October 2025
06-10 October 2025
13-17 October 2025
20-24 October 2025
27-31 October 2025
03-07 November 2025
10–13 November 2025
Syllabus view (A-Z)
Cambridge IGCSE
Cambridge O Level
Cambridge International AS Level
Cambridge International A Level

Note: The whole contents list is interactive not just the pare number.

This timetable contains a full list of all exams for the November 2025 series. This is the final version of the timetable. Please note there may be some changes from the provisional timetable. You can view the timetable by week or by syllabus.

Any time for candidates to read through question papers and to study maps etc. is already included in the total time shown in the timetable. You must not allow any

#### Planning your timetable and Key Times

Exams must be taken in the morning (AM), afternoon (PM) or evening (EV) session as shown on this timetable and in accordance with the Key Time regulations. There is one Key Time for the morning (AM) session, one Key Time for the afternoon (PM) session and one Key Time for the evening (EV) session. Your Key Times can be found on the Key Times page of our website at www.cambridgeinternational.org/keytime

All candidates entered for exams in a session must be under Full Centre Supervision at the Key Time. If centres timetable exams after the Key Time, candidates must be kept under Full Centre Supervision from the Key Time until the candidates start the exam. If the candidates have already completed the exam before the Key Time, they must be kept under Full Centre Supervision until the Key Time.

For further details about our Key Time and Full Centre Supervision regulations please see the Key Times and Full Centre Supervision section in the Cambridge Handbook.

#### Communicating timetable arrangements to candidates

Centres are responsible for making sure candidates know: . The start and finish time for each exam

- . Any necessary supervision arrangements
- · Any updates to the timetable

Any updates to this timetable will be published on the timetables page of the Cambridge International website (www.cambridgeinternational.org/timetables), and will be shared with you in our monthly Cambridge Exams Officer eNewsletter Visit www.cambridgeinternational.org/examsofficers to find out more about this important resource.

Visit the 'Timetables' section of Cambridge International Direct (https://direct.cie.org.uk) to download the exam dates in .csv format or download a timetable which only includes the exams you have made entries for.

#### Timetable clashes and deviations

Please study the final timetable and identify any potential timetable clashes. You should wait until you have submitted your entries and received your timetable clash report before applying for a timetable deviation. For further details about timetable clashes and applying for a timetable deviation please see section 1 of the Cambridge

#### Where there is more than one paper in a single session

If a candidate is entered for two papers which are timetabled for the same session they may have a fully supervised break between the two papers. The regulations regarding Key Time and Full Centre Supervision must be followed - For further details about our Key Time and Full Centre Supervision regulations please refer to the Cambridge Handbook.

#### Look! This document is interactive ...

This timetable has interactive features, just click on text in the contents above to go to the section you want to read. There is also an interactive section at the bottom of each page inside. You can use this in the same way, just click and you will be taken to the relevant page.

Interactive features work best in Adobe Reader 9 or Adobe Acrobat. You can download the latest Adobe Reader for free at www.adobe.com/products/reader.html

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### Exam timetable – windowed test

You can set up your preferred dates when the exams will be administered as long as it is within the test period that we specify

Cambridge Final Exam Timetable November 2025

#### Test date windows

#### **Cambridge IGCSE**







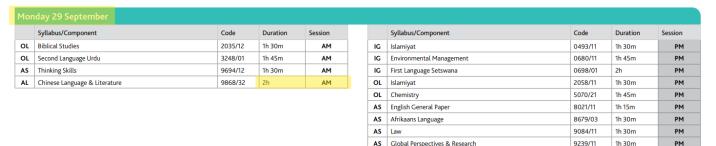
### Exam timetable – timetabled exam

You can choose when your exams start within the timetabled session; however, you must make sure your candidates are in the exam or under Full Centre Supervision at the Key Time.

Cambridge Final Exam Timetable November 2025

#### 29 September–03 October 2025





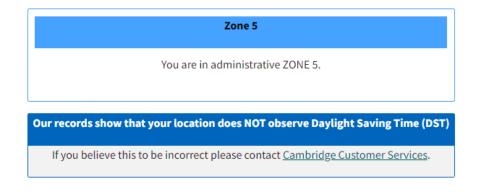
Tuesday 30 September											
	Syllabus/Component	Code	Duration	Session			Syllabus/Component	Code	Duration	Session	
IG	First Language Spanish	0502/12	2h	AM		IG	Afrikaans as a Second Language (Listening)	0548/02	50m	PM	
OL	Pakistan Studies	2059/01	1h 30m	AM		IG	Cambridge International Mathematics (Core)	0607/11	1h 15m	PM	
OL	Arabic	3180/01	1h 30m	AM		IG	Cambridge International Mathematics (Extended)	0607/21	1h 30m	PM	
AS	Travel & Tourism	9395/12	2h	AM		OL	English Language	1123/11	2h	PM	
AS	Chemistry (Practical - Advanced)	9701/33	2h	AM							

Wednesday 01 October												
	Syllabus/Component	Code	Duration	Session			Syllabus/Component	Code	Duration	Session		
IG	Literature in Spanish	0474/01	1h 30m	AM		IG	Islamiyat	0493/21	1h 30m	PM		
IG	First Language Arabic	0508/01	2h	AM		IG	Environmental Management	0680/21	1h 45m	PM		
9-1	First Language Arabic	7184/01	2h	AM		OL	Islamiyat	2058/21	1h 30m	PM		



# Key Time

#### China, Shanghai



#### **Local Key Times for your Centre**



#### Select your location to find your Key Time



Key Times are a defined point in a timetabled session when candidates must be in the exam or under Full Centre Supervision



# **Full Centre Supervision**

Full Centre Supervision is a defined type of supervision for candidates.

If candidates are not in their exam at the Key Time, they must be in a room under Full Centre Supervision until the Key Time has passed, or until the exam starts.





# **Full Centre Supervision**

### Candidates can:



be kept in Full Centre
Supervision in the
exam room or a
suitable room



have access to printed books and notes



talk to each other



# **Full Centre Supervision**

#### **Candidates must not:**



communicate with people not taking the exam



have access to mobile phones, laptops/computers, smart watches, or any electronic device with or without internet access



## Create your centre's exam timetable

#### Create your centre's exam timetable - template



Read the guidance notes on the following page, and refer to the relevant <u>timetable</u>, before you complete this exam timetable template for your centre.

	Centre number	Your <b>AM</b> Key Time	Your PM Key Time		Your administrative zone
ш				(if applicable)	
П					

Date of	AM	Syllabus	Component code	Syllabus/Component	Exam times		Exam duration		Full Centre Supervision	Full Centre Supervision		Number of invigilators	Number of candidates	Invigilators
exam	PM EV	Syll 8	Comp	title	Start time	Finish time	Hours	Mins	required? Y/N	Start time	Finish time	Num invigi	Num	vigilatoro

Make sure all exams are timetabled in accordance with our Key Time, Full Centre Supervision and invigilator requirements regulations found in the 'Key Times and Full Centre Supervision' section and section 4.6 of the the <a href="mailto:centre-supervision">Centre-supervision</a>' section and section 4.6 of the the <a href="mailto:centre-supervision">Centre-supervision</a>' section and section 4.6 of the the <a href="mailto:centre-supervision">Centre-supervision</a>' section and section 4.6 of the the <a href="mailto:centre-supervision">Centre-supervision</a>' section and section 4.6 of the the <a href="mailto:centre-supervision">Centre-supervision</a>' section and section 4.6 of the the <a href="mailto:centre-supervision">Centre-supervision</a>' section and section 4.6 of the the <a href="mailto:centre-supervision">Centre-supervision</a>' section and section 4.6 of the the <a href="mailto:centre-supervision">Centre-supervision</a>' section and section 4.6 of the the <a href="mailto:centre-supervision">Centre-supervision</a>' section 3. Section 4.6 of the the <a href="mailto:centre-supervision">Centre-supervision</a>' section 3. Section 4.6 of the section





### Access arrangements

Access arrangements are pre-exam arrangements that minimise access barriers for candidates with special educational needs, disabilities or temporary

injuries/illnesses.

Access arrangement	Forms	May test series (Checkpoint) and June series deadline for application	October test series (Checkpoint) and November series deadline for application
Group 1: Access arrangements	Preparation - (PDF, 1MB)  Form 1 or Apply for Access  Arrangements	21 February	21 July for new entries 10 September for retake entries
Group 2: Modified papers	Preparation - (PDF, 1MB)  Form 3	21 January	1 July



For exams officers

#### Evidence for access arrangement applications A guide for Associate Exams Officers

Access arrangements are pre-exam arrangements that minimise access barriers for candidates with special educational needs, disabilities, or temporary injuries/illnesses. Used appropriately, access arrangements can enable candidates with specific needs to demonstrate their knowledge, skills and understanding, without changing the demands of the assessment.

There are two groups of arrangement:

Group 1: Access arrangements

Group 2: Modified question papers

Please refer to Section 1.3 of the Cambridge Handbook.

From the June 2023 exam series on, we have changed the way we review evidence of need for access arrangements.

We may ask to see evidence of candidate need. This is to make sure you have the correct evidence on file to support your access arrangement application. We call this process an Evidence Review. You must save securely all evidence that supports your access arrangement applications, so it is available if we ask to see it.

#### Access arrangements for private candidates

Our access arrangement regulations apply to all candidates, including private candidates. When accepting entries from private candidates, you should find out if they have barriers to assessment.

You do this is by asking them if they wish to declare any special educational needs and/or disabilities that require you to apply for access arrangements.

If a private candidate needs an access arrangement, they must provide evidence of need for you to complete the application form. You are responsible for checking that the evidence of need complies with our access arrangement regulations and for quality assuring the validity of evidence they provide, before you send the application to us. You must also keep the evidence file securely as we may need to see it as part of our Evidence Review process (we introduced this process from the June 2023 exam series on).

#### Quality assuring evidence of need for access arrangements for all candidates

We base our decisions on granting access arrangements on the following:

- . the evidence the school provides of the candidate's barrier(s) to assessment
- · their need for the arrangement(s) being requested
- · the assessment objectives being tested within the syllabus.

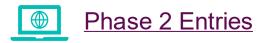


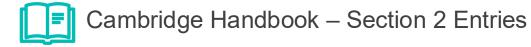


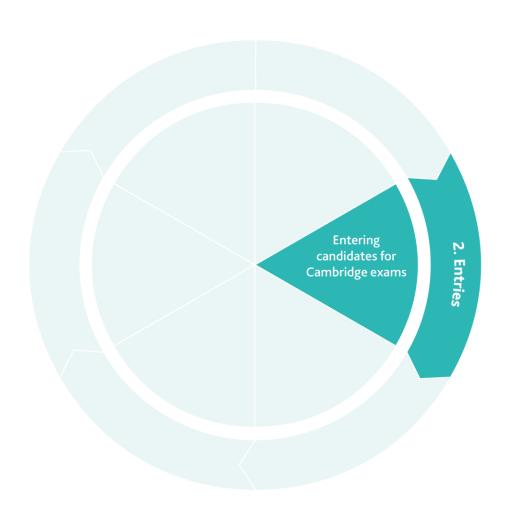
### Phase 2: Entries

### Cambridge Handbook – Section 2

- Submit estimated entries
- Use the Cambridge Guide to Making Entries to work out final entries
- Submit entries using Cambridge International Direct
- Statements of entry

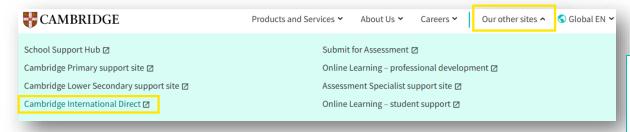








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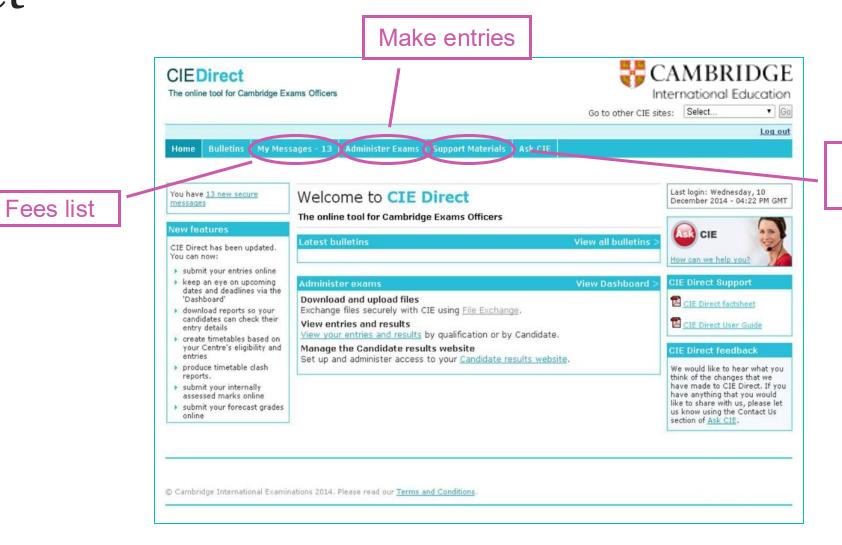






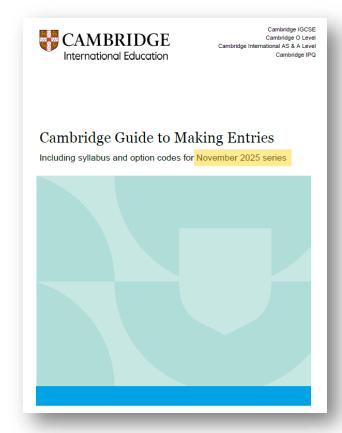


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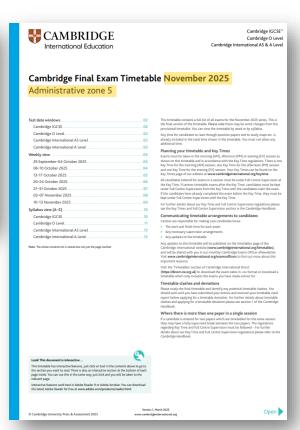
Download *Guide to* making entries

# Making entries















CI Direct – My messages



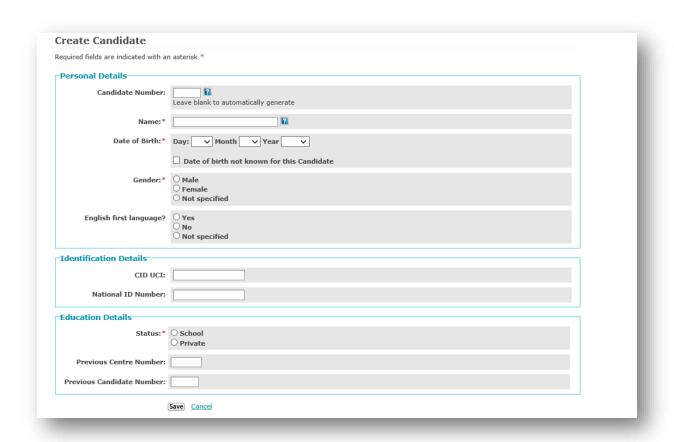
Exam timetable



# Making entries

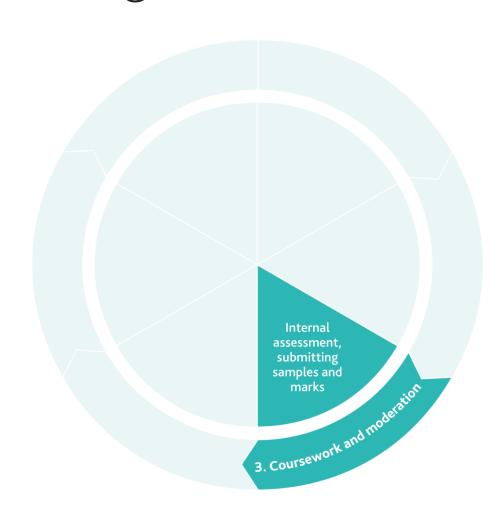
Information required for candidate entries:

- Candidate Number
- Full name
- Date of Birth
- Gender
- Status (School / Private)
- Previous Centre Number / Previous Candidate Number (for carry-forward entries only)
- Syllabus code
- Option code





### Phase 3: Coursework and moderation



### Cambridge Handbook – Section 3

- Internally assessed/moderated components
- Externally assessed components
- Samples database
- Submit for Assessment
- Send samples



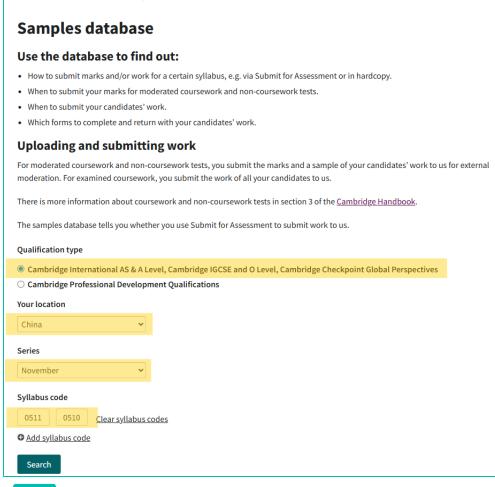
Phase 3 Coursework and Moderation



Cambridge Handbook – Section 3



## Samples database



Showing Cambridge International AS & A Level, Cambridge IGCSE and O Level, Cambridge Checkpoint Global Perspectives results for: 0510, 0511. Syllabus Sample selection Deadlines Forms Cambridge IGCSE 🔁 Internal moderation of speaking tests 📩 We select the sample **English as a Second Language** November using the criteria below 🔼 Speaking Examination Summary Form 📩 0510/31 deadlines 🔁 Access Arrangements Cover Sheet 📩 View criteria Speaking For marks: 28 October Submit for Assessment Admin Guide 2025 For sample: 31 October 2025 Type: Speaking Moderated Syll Criteria H How to submit your work: Camb 1. Save each candidate's audio recording as a separate file in .mp3 format. tests . Engl 2. Submit the total marks for all candidates using the Submit for Assessment portal Form 🛂 0510 https://submitforassessment.cambridgeassessment.org.uk/ Spea 3. Submit for Assessment will identify candidates to be submitted in the sample and generate an automatic email ide 🛂 listing these candidates. 4. Upload the audio recording for each candidate listed in the sample request to Submit for Assessment. Type: 5. Upload the completed marks breakdown form(s) for all candidates. Mode 6. Upload any other completed forms/paperwork required for the component. 7. Do **not** send us work or marks in hard copy. 8. For detailed guidance on how to upload work, see the section 'Administrative guides for subjects using the Submit Caml for Assessment portal' on the Exams Officers section of our website. Engl 9 You should retain a conv of all submitted work 0510 View criteria 🔼 Access Arrangements Cover Sheet 🔥 Speaking For marks: 28 October 🔁 Submit for Assessment Admin Guide 🕹

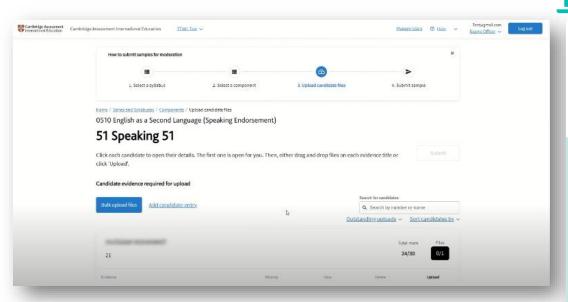
2025

For sample: 31 October



## Submit for Assessment

You upload marks and/or work for some examined and/or moderated components using Submit for Assessment.



Submit for Assessment

Administrative guide Using Submit for Assessment

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Assessment service.
Check the samples database on our website to find out for which syllabuses/components you

For exams officers

PAQ about SfA

### Frequently asked questions

We have provided answers to some common questions below.

#### When does Submit for Assessment open for each exam series?

The Submit for Assessment window opens for submitting marks and/or work from the following dates:

- March series: 1 February
- June series: 1 April
- November series: 1 October.
- + What should I do if it is taking a long time to upload a document?
- + I can no longer see my candidates in Submit for Assessment why is this?
- + How can I check I have successfully submitted my files?
- + How do I find the component number that my candidates are entered for?
- + I have missed a submission deadline what should I do?
- + If I think I'm going to miss a submission deadline what do I need to do?
- + What should I do if I am unable to 'submit' after uploading files?
- + What should I do if I cannot see the syllabus to submit samples?



## Phase 4: Before the exams



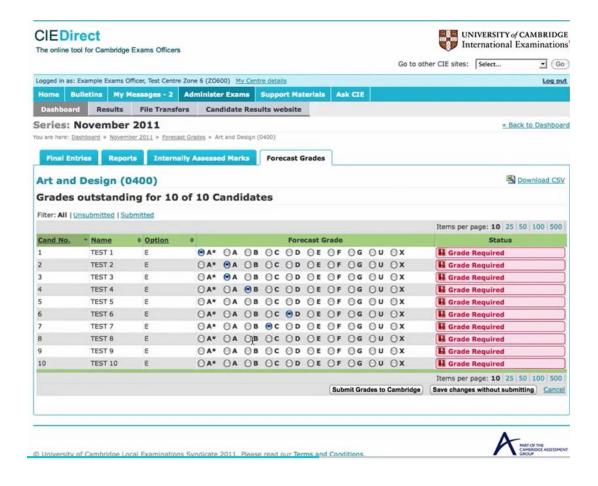
- In this phase exams officers will:
  - submit forecast grades
  - handle and store confidential materials
  - prepare the candidates, exam room, and resources for the exams
  - recruit and train invigilators.







## Forecast grades



- June series: 30 April
- November series: 31 October



Cambridge Handbook - Section 4.1



Forecast grades



Who will be involved before, during and after exams? What type of venue (Where) will be required? What materials are required?















### **Key actors**

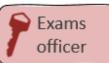
### **Key locations**

### Key materials

Head of center

Extra

keyholder



Exam room

Secure storage area

FCS room

Exam room vicinity

Question paper packets

Other examspecific materials Multiple-choice answer sheets
Formulae and statistical tables
Continuation booklets
Confidential instructions

Support staff

Supervisor

Invigilator

Candidates

Cambridge Handbook

Exam timetable

Exam day checklist

"What to say to candidates" copy

Attendance register

Seating plan

Candidates warning poster

Consignments and secure documents tracking record

Notice to candidates poster

Brown script packet envelope

Wall clock

Bar-coded and courier labels



This is a good practice shared by an experienced EO for reference only.



## Training invigilators

 You are responsible for conducting a training session with your invigilators before the exam, even if they are experienced.

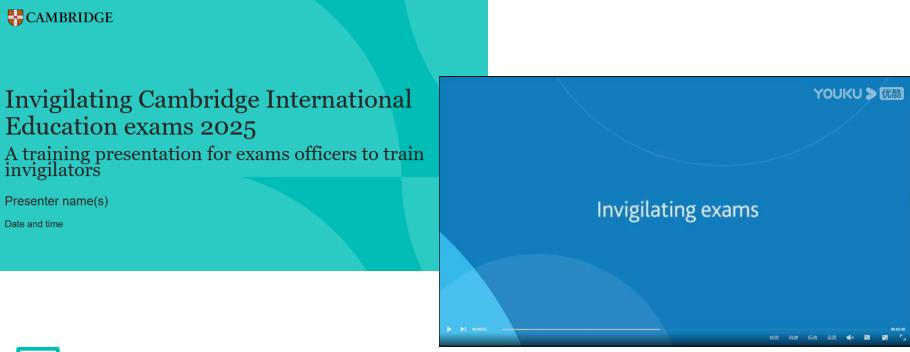


You must keep signed records of the following invigilator information:

- · invigilator training records
- invigilators or supervisors used for each exam or period of Full Centre Supervision
- actual start and finish time of your exams
- start and finish time of any periods of Full Centre Supervision
- . any changes to invigilators during each exam or period of Full Centre Supervision.

You can keep these records in any format; however, they must be easily accessible as we may ask to see them at any time. You should keep records for each series until you receive your candidates'

See section 4.6 (i) of the Cambridge Handbook for information on suitability of invigilators. Invigilators can be teachers in your centre, or people you employ specifically to invigilate exams







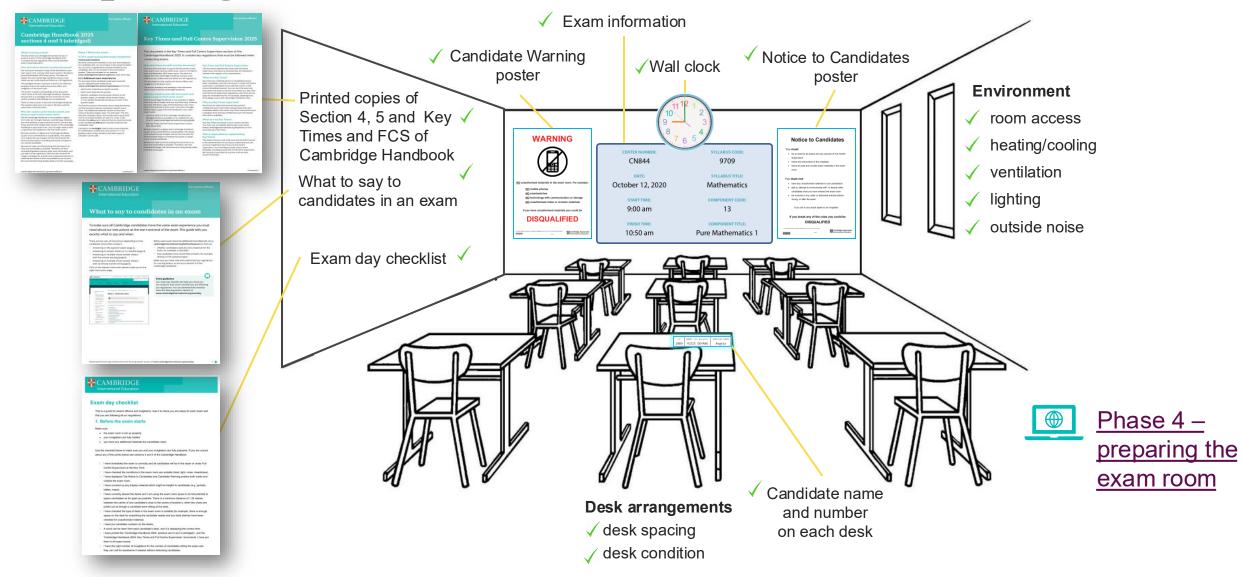
## Number and requirements of invigilators

Practical tests (including science practical exams and ICT tests)	At least 2 invigilators in each room at all times.  At least 1 invigilator for every 20 candidates.  At least one invigilator should be a subject specialist  1 suitably trained supervisor
All other exams (including Art & Design)	At least 1 invigilator to 30 candidates
Full Centre Supervision	At least 1 supervisor to 30 candidates
Separate invigilation	For candidates with specific needs in a separate room:  1 invigilator to 1 candidate

See Handbook for more specific requirements for syllabuses like ICT, Computer Science, and Art & Design.



## Preparing the exam venue and exam room





## Pre-exam despatches



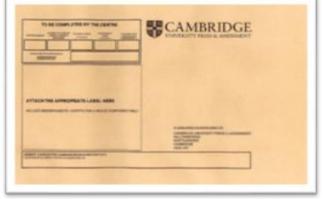














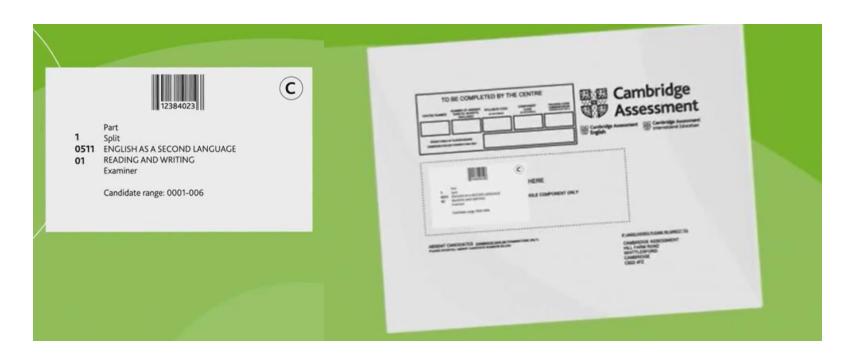
Pre-exam despatches



## Bar-coded label – what if not arrived in time?

### Write on the script packet:

- Centre number
- Syllabus number
- Component number
- Number of scripts
- Candidate number range







## Pre-exam Despatch Guide



### Pre-exam despatch guide (International) November series

Your pre-exam despatch contains most of the materials you will need for the November exam series: exam stationery, key administrative documents, despatch labels and script packets. By late September, you will also receive a despatch containing your confidential question papers.

### What materials are in this despatch and what should I do with them?

Your despotch contains a number of different items depending on the sylidbuses and components you have made entries for. The 'At-o-glance table' over the page lists all the items, along with a brief description of how to use them and the approximate number of copies you should have

#### What do I do now?

- Carefully check the contents of the despatch. If you are missing any items or need more copies please contact us (or your Cambridge Associate) as soon as possible. Remember, the materials in your despatch are based on your final entries. You will receive materials you need for any late entry amendments or retake entries separately.
- Submit your forecast grades by 31 October using Direct.
- To find out how to submit marks and work for internally assessed and/or externally assessed components (such as examined coursework and non-coursework tests), go to: www.cambridgeinternational.org/samples
- Once you have used the samples database to check the submission method you will need to use one or both of the following methods to submit marks and work to us, depending on the submission requirements for each component.

#### Important information

Return all scripts immediately after each exam. If this is not possible send them at the end of each exam week. Keep scripts in a secure place before you despatch them. As a precaution do not send scripts for all the components of the same syllabus in the same outer package. Go to: www.combridgeinternational.org/ Use Submit for Assessment to submit marks and work. Submit for Assessment allows you to submit marks and work online for some internally assessed and/or externally assessed components (auch as examined coursework and non-coursework tests), instead of sending them to us on CD or USB, or using Secure Exchange. There is more information about Submit for Assessment on our website:

#### www.cambridgeinternational.org/submit-for-assessment

Submit marks using Direct and then package and send us work following the steps below:

- Submit your marks using Direct by 31 October.

  If you are an Associate Centre, submit marks to your Cambridge Associate.
- Label each piece of work in your sample using the enclosed identification labels.
- Place the samples for different components in separate script return packets. Each packet must include a copy of your Direct internal marks report and the relevant forms. The forms are available from the samples database Attach the correct bar-coded label to each packet.
- Place your packets in an outer package. You can place packets for different internally assessed components in the same outer package. Stick the enclosed address labels to each outer package.
- Send your samples using a method that provides a tracking facility (e.g. a courier) by 31 October. If you are an Associate Centre, return samples to your Cambridge Associate by the agreed date. Keep a record of your courier details.
- Before the start of the exam period, display the 'Notice to Candidates' and 'Candidate Warning' posters outside and inside your exam rooms.



At a glance table – all you need to know about the pre-exam despatch  Your despatch contains all the items in the white rows.  The items in blue rows relate to specific components only. You will have these items if you have made entries for these components in this series.					
Item	Description and quantity	What do I need to do with it?	Example		
Materials you n	eed to complete and return to Co	ambridge			
Multiple-choice answer sheets (MS4)	Form used by candidate to answer multiple-choice questions.	Store safely and distribute before the exam starts. Multiple-choice answer sheets should only be used for the exams listed on them. The information is found in the additional exam materials list.			
English as an A entries or thes and number a	additional Language, and Cambridge e syllabuses, we pre-print the correc	er sheets for Cambridge IGCSE and O Level fore e IGCSE Mandarin Chinese (0457) listening exam t version of the multiple-choice answer sheet w find more information and see example forms at: acse-o-level	s. If you make final ith candidate name		
Materials for sul	bmitting coursework samples and	scripts			
Identification labels	Sheets of labels for identifying individual pieces of work in your internally assessed samples. Two sheets per centre.  If you need additional labels you can download them at www.cambridgeinternational.org/courseworkandmoderation	Complete the labels and attach them to each piece of work in the sample. Brush with water to make them stick.	For communication and the communication and		
Bar-coded labels for the return of internally assessed samples and scripts for non-timetabled components	internally assessed samples and scripts for non-timetabled	Attach the correct label to each packet of internally assessed samples or each packet of scripts for non-timetabled components.	NOTIFIED BY		
Labels for the return of internally assessed samples	Sheets of labels for sending internally assessed samples to us for moderation. Two sheets of labels per centre. If you need additional labels you can download them at <a href="https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/sourseworkandmoderation">www.cambridgeinternational.org/sourseworkandmoderation</a>	Attach to the outer packaging containing your packets of internally assessed samples.	Professor State St		
	You <b>must</b> use the bar-coded labels and attach them to your script packets correctly. There is more information at: <a href="www.cambridgeinternational.org/barcode-to-script">www.cambridgeinternational.org/barcode-to-script</a>				
Script return packets	Script return packets for returning scripts or internally assessed samples. There is one size of bag for all components.  One packet per timetabled exam	Pack the scripts or internally assessed samples for the component into the appropriately sized packet (scripts and samples for different components must be packed separately). Enclose the correct attendance register if applicable. Complete the information on the front of the packet and attach the correct bar-coded label.	SCAMBULGE STATES		



## Supplementary materials

- Attendance register
- Multiple-choice answer sheet
- Answer booklet
- Notice to candidates
- Candidate warning poster
- Script despatch label
- More.....

## Administrative forms download

### **Administrative forms and guidance documents**

All our administrative forms and general extra guidance documents are listed below. You can also access these forms and documents through each phase of the Cambridge Exams Cycle.

You can access special consideration forms through the 'Support Materials' section of <u>Cambridge International Direct (>Direct)</u>.

- + Preparation
- + Entries
- + Coursework & moderation
- + Before the exams



Exam day

Supplementary attendance register: Exam day – Form 1 (PDF, 622KB)

If you have extra candidates not listed on your pre-printed attendance registers. Complete a new form for each exam.

Supplementary multiple-choice answer sheet: Exam day – Form 2a (PDF, 126KB)

Use only if you have extra candidates who do not have a pre-printed multiple-choice answer sheet. Please note that Exam day - Form 2a replaces Exam day - Form 2.

Candidates must use specific multiple-choice answer sheets for Cambridge IGCSE and O Level foreign language, English as an Additional Language, and Mandarin Chinese listening exams. We pre-print these with candidate name and number and send to you. Read more about these forms and see examples.



## Early question papers and pre-released materials

### You can access in one of three ways:

- School Support Hub
- Digital File Despatch (DFD)
- Printed

See the table below which outlines how your school will receive early question papers and prerelease material for the syllabuses for which you have made entries. Please share this information with the relevant subject teachers.



Early question papers and pre-release material – November 2025 (XLSX, 10KB)



Cambridge Handbook – Section 4.2



Early question papers and pre-released materials



## Receiving and storing confidential materials

1. Question papers arrive at your school



4. Carefully check despatch content (question paper packets



2. Must check the delivery but not open it.



5. Must keep the record & report to Cambridge if any problems



3. Collect the delivery & move to storage room



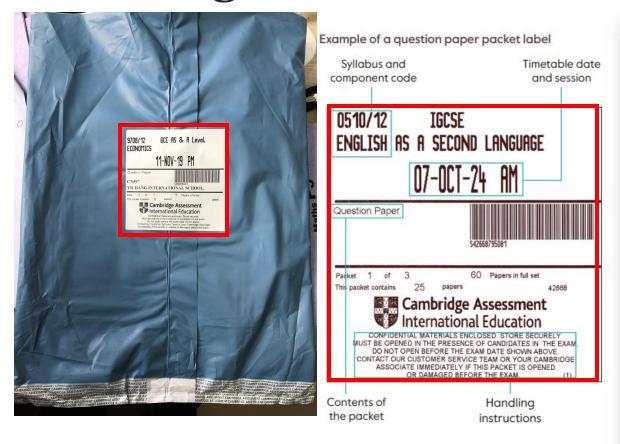
6. Move all confidential materials to the secure container

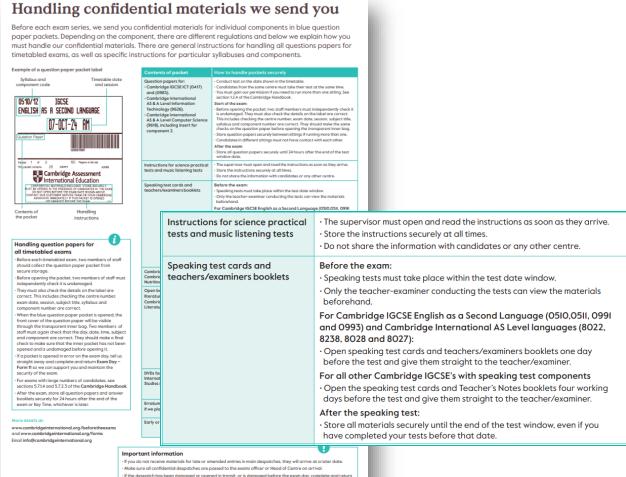






## Handling confidential materials





Before the exams - Form 3.

If any of the packets listed on the despatch note are missing, complete and return Before the exams – Form 2
 Store all packets securely according to the regulations in part 4 of the Cambridge Handbook.

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Handling confidential materials poster



## Science practical exams

- What are confidential instructions?
- How do I store the confidential instructions?
- Where do I find chemicals and materials?
- Seating arrangements
- How to manage large numbers of candidates?



### How to manage your science practical exams

This guidance document is for exams officers, teachers, and supervisors in centres that offer Cambridge International science qualifications that include a practical component. It offers advice on how to use and store confidential instructions, chemicals and materials, and ways in which to manage the number of candidates in practical exams.

#### What are confidential instructions?

Confidential instructions list all the chemicals and materials required for each specific practical exam. They are confidential and only intended for the member of staff in charge of the laboratory (the supervisor) to carry out preparations before the exam. Under no circumstances must any information in the instructions be given to candidates.

Confidential instructions are sent to you once you have made final entries. Therefore, we encourage you to enter candidates at the earliest possible opportunity.

#### How do I store the confidential instructions?

You must keep confidential instructions under secure conditions at all times, and the Head of Centre must make sure the contents remain confidential. You must not discuss the instructions with any other centre. If you have any questions, you must ask us. Do not open any question paper packets before the exam.

You must report any known or suspected breach of any confidential material to us. See section 5 of the Cambridge Handbook.

### Why are there differences between the confidential instructions and the question paper?

There may be differences between the identity and/or concentrations of chemicals and materials in the confidential instructions and those on the question paper. This is perfectly normal and candidates must not be told the details from the confidential instructions.

Differences may be for safety reasons, or so you do not have to find a less widely-available

#### Example

chemical.

The confidential instructions may specify 0.1 mol dm-3 hydrochloric acid because it is inexpensive and widely available. However, the question paper may specify

1 mol dm-3 propanoic acid which better suits the context of the exam question.

#### Do you supply chemicals and materials for practical exams?

For some syllabuses, the confidential instructions list any chemicals and materials that we supply. You must check the despatch list against the list in the confidential instructions as soon as they arrive and let us know about any discrepancies immediately. Open the packets containing perishable materials (for example, enzymes) as soon as they arrive and keep them in a refrigerator that is not accessible to unauthorised people.



Managing science practical exams



## Listening exams

- NEW Global listening
- Administrative guide: how to access, securely download, store and use audio files.

You must treat digital confidential materials in

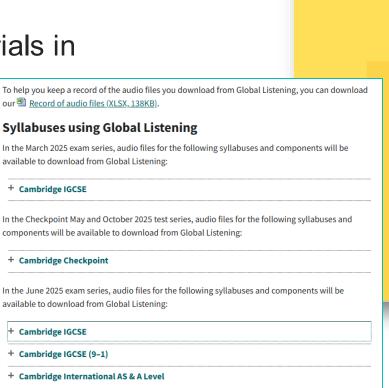
the same way as printed materials.



**Global listening** 



Cambridge Handbook – Section 4 & 5.



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For exams officers

### Administrative guide

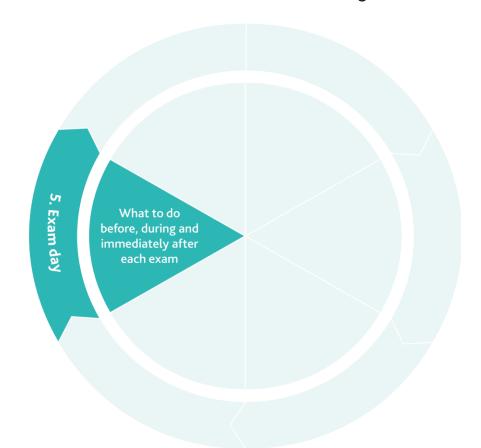
**Using Global Listening** 

### Guidance on accessing Global Listening and:

- · using the sample audio file
- downloading and saving audio files
- securely checking audio file
- saving audio files to multiple devices
- securely transporting and playing audio files.



## Phase 5: Exam day



- This is when candidates sit their exams.
- In this phase exams officers will:
  - run exams
  - deal with the unexpected, potential malpractice and security inspections
  - have regular meetings with invigilators
  - pack and despatch scripts to us.

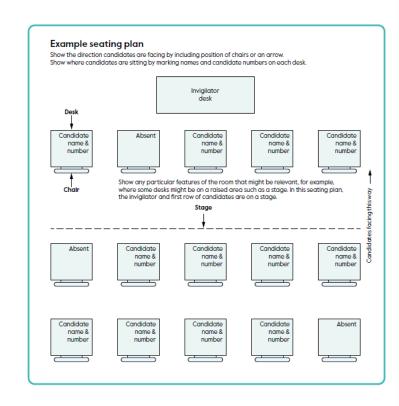






## Phase 5: Exam day

- Seating plan
- Authorised and unauthorised materials
- Emergencies
- Special instructions for particular exams
- Malpractice
- 24-hour security rule



### WARNING



 ${\color{red}{{\bf NO}}}$  unauthorised materials in the exam room. For example:

NO mobile phones

**NO** smartwatches

NO technology with communication or storage

NO unauthorised notes or revision materials.

If you have unauthorised materials, you could be

**DISQUALIFIED** 



This poster must be displayed both inside and outside each exam room and be visible to all candidates.





Cambridge EO Guide Website - Phase 5



Cambridge Handbook – Section 5



## Useful resources



### **Exam day checklist**

This is a guide for exams officers and invigilators. Use it to check you are ready for each exam and that you are following all our regulations.

#### 1. Before the exam starts

#### Make sure:

- · the exam room is set up properly
- · your invigilators are fully briefed
- · you have any additional materials the candidates need.

Use the checklist below to make sure you and your invigilators are fully prepared. If you are unsure about any of the points below see sections 4 and 5 of the *Cambridge Handbook*.

- I have timetabled the exam is correctly and all candidates will be in the exam or under Full Centre Supervision at the Key Time.
- ☐ I have checked the conditions in the exam room are suitable (heat, light, noise, cleanliness).
- □ I have displayed The Notice to Candidates and Candidate Warning posters both inside and
- I have covered up any display material which might be helpful to candidates (e.g. periodic tables mans)
- I have correctly placed the desks and I am using the exam room space to its full potential to space candidates as far apart as possible. There is a minimum distance of 1.25 metres between the centre of one candidate's chair to the centre of another's, when the chairs are pulled out as though a candidate were sitting at the desk.
- I have checked the type of desk in the exam room is suitable (for example, there is enough space on the desk for everything the candidate needs and any desk shelves have been checked for unauthorised material).
- I have put candidate numbers on the desks.
- ☐ A clock can be seen from each candidate's desk, and it is displaying the correct time.
- I have printed the 'Cambridge Handbook 2024: sections and 4 and 5 (abridged)', and the 'Cambridge Handbook 2024: Key Times and Full Centre Supervision' documents. I have put them in all exam proms.
- I have the right number of invigilators for the number of candidates sitting the exam and they can call for assistance if needed without disturbing candidates.



International Education

### Advice for sever weather, political unrest and natural disasters

The safety of candidates and centre staff is the most important thing. Follow any advice from the relevant authorities in your country about school closures. If candidates are unable to complete their exams, you may re-enter them in the next series.

#### Timetable deviations

If it is not safe to run exams in the timetabled session, you can apply for candidates to take the exam at another time. This must be no more than 24 hours after the Key Time of the timetabled session. Apply for timetable deviations using <u>Preparation - Form 2</u>. You must never conduct exams on an earlier day than the timetable date. Candidates must be under Full Centre Supervision from the scheduled Key Time until the new start time. You must follow the supervision arrangements in section 12.3.1 of the <u>Cambridge Handbook</u>. We reserve the right to not accept scripts from a re-scheduled exam if there is evidence that the security of the exam has been breached.

#### Alternative venues

If it is not safe to conduct exams in your exam venue, you can apply to conduct them in an alternative venue by submitting <a href="Entries-Form 5">Entries-Form 5</a>.

#### Question papers

If it is not safe to access question papers from your secure storage facilities, please email info@cambridgeinternational.org or telephone +44 (0)1223 553 554. We may be able to send your question papers electronically.

#### Special consideration

If a candidate is unable to attend an exam or completes the exam but has been adversely affected by a situation, you can apply for special consideration.

Apply for special consideration through <u>Direct</u> or by submitting Exam Day – Form 7, which is available from the 'Support Materials' section of Direct. We review all applications individually.

#### Candidate scripts

If local courier services are disrupted or delayed, store answer scripts securely at your centre until the courier confirms they can despatch the scripts. Do not allow the courier to store the scripts.

Let us know about any delays in returning scripts. Store any unopened question paper packets securely at your centre until after the exam series.

#### Administrative forms

Email any forms to <a href="info@cambridgeinternational.org">info@cambridgeinternational.org</a> for the attention of the Compliance team. Associate Centres must send forms to their Cambridge Associate.

This advice may change as the situation develops. Please keep us informed of your plans and any developments. For more information, visit <u>www.cambridgeinternational.org.</u> or contact Customer Services on +44 (0)1223 553 554 or email info@cambridgeinternational.org.





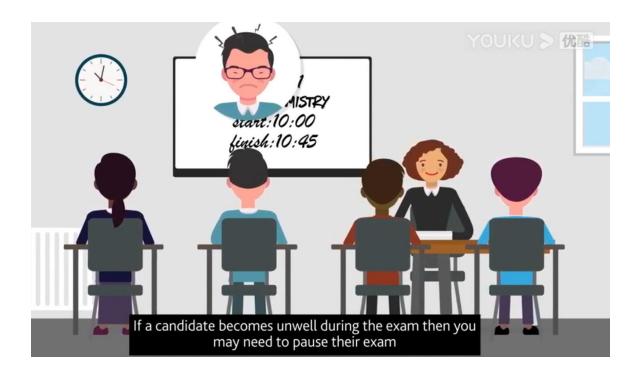


Cambridge EO Guide Website - Phase 5



## How to deal with the unexpected?

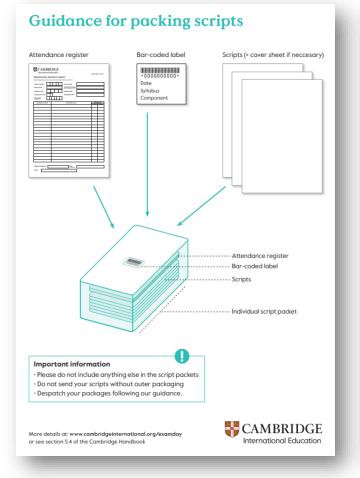
- What if a candidate arrives late for the exam?
- What if you discover any malpractices during the exam?
- Other unexpected situations...

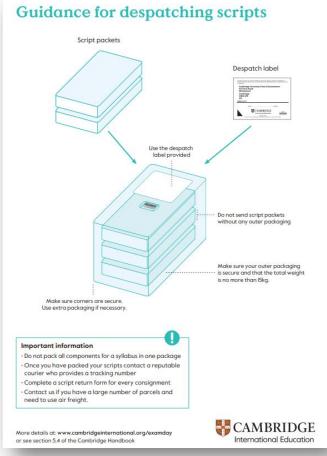






## Guidance for packing scripts





Send us your scripts as soon as possible after the exam has finished, preferably on the same day.





**Despatching scripts** 



Cambridge Handbook – Section 5.4



## 5.3.2 The 24-hour security rule

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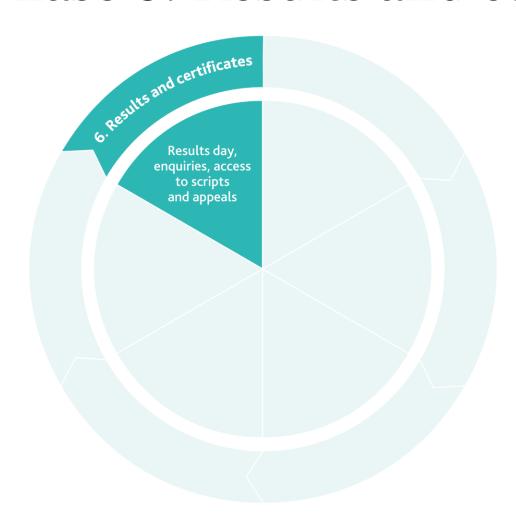
Candidates must not remove any question papers or question paper content from the exam room. This includes writing questions on statements of entry, typing question content into calculators, etc. This is not a complete list. You must apply the 24-hour rule to keep question papers and their contents secure.

All unused question papers, answer booklets and any other confidential exam material must be stored in your approved secure storage until at least 24 hours after the end of the exam or Key Time, whichever is later. After this time you can dispose of the unused question papers or you can return them to candidates/centre staff if you want to.

You must store all empty question paper packets in your approved secure storage until you receive certificates. We may need them to investigate suspected malpractice.

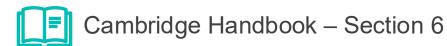


## Phase 6: Results and certificates



- In this phase exams officers will:
  - prepare for results release
  - give candidates access to their results
  - submit enquiries about results
  - receive and send out certificates to candidates.







## Result and Certificate

	Result	Certificate
June exam series	August	End of October
November exam series	January	End of March





# Cambridge IGCSE, O Level & Cambridge International AS & A Levels

### Grading

- Cambridge IGCSE: A\*-G
- Cambridge O Level: A\*-E
- Cambridge International AS Level: a-e
- Cambridge International A Level: A\*-E

### Resit?

Yes

### Carry forward?

• Yes, within 13 months of the original exam series when they were achieved.







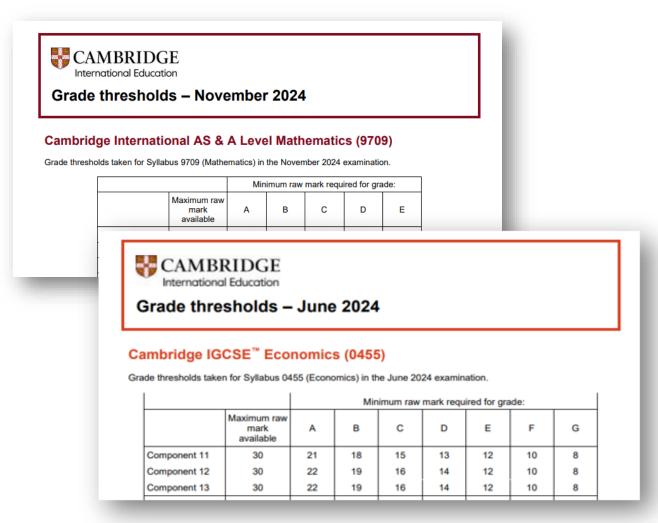
## Results statistics & grade threshold tables

We publish results statistics and grade thresholds taken for each syllabus after each exam series.

You can find it on our website:



- Cambridge IGCSE
- Cambridge O Level
- Cambridge International AS & A Levels





## How do we release results



ONLINE RESULTS
ON DIRECT

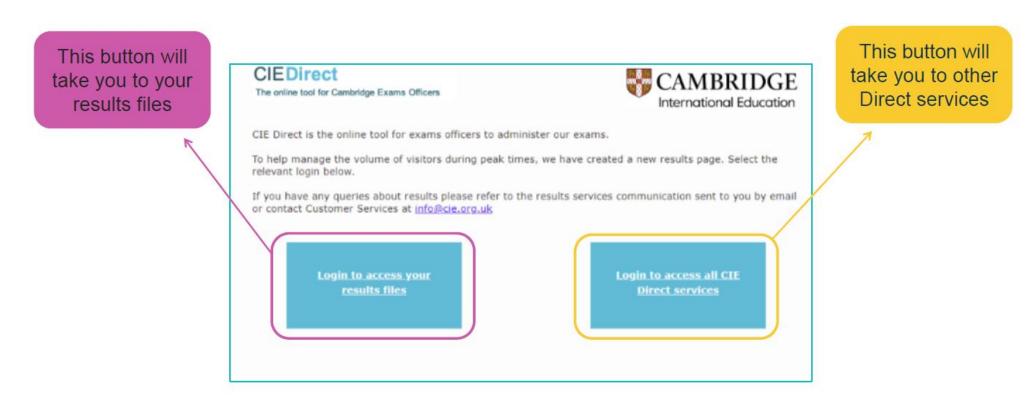


HARD-COPY RESULTS
DESPATCHES TO CENTRE



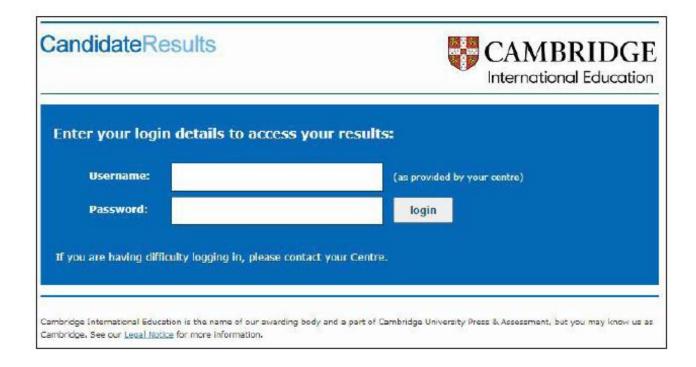
## Accessing results (Exams Officer)

- Be prepared before very busy results day
- Double check your log in details





## Accessing results (candidates)





Preparing for results day



For exams officers

### Administering the candidate results service

Our candidate results service gives your candidates access to their results directly.

You control which of your candidates have access to this service, and which exam series they can view, through the 'Candidate Results website administration' page on <a href="Cambridge International Direct">Cambridge International Direct ('Direct')</a>.

You can create login details for the candidate results website from the following times:

- March and June exam series late March
- November exam series early October.

Important: The results displayed are for information only. Tell candidates they must not print screenshots of their results from the candidate results website to share with universities.



#### Accessing the 'candidate results website administration' page

 Log in to <u>Direct</u>. Go to the 'Administer Exams' dashboard and click on 'Candidate Results website'. If you cannot see this link, email <u>info@cambridgeinternational.org</u>.

Administer exams	View Dashboard
Download and upload files Exchange files securely with CIE using File Exchange.	
View entries and results View your entries and results by qualification or by Candidate.	
Manage the Candidate results website Set up and administer access to your <u>Candidate results website</u> .	

2. Select the relevant series from the dropdown menu and click 'Go'.



3. Once you have selected a series, you can see if any of your candidates already have access. The

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## Giving candidates their results



You decide how to give candidates their results



How can you support them?



Information and guidance is available on our website



## Results documents online

### For candidates:



Electronic statement of results

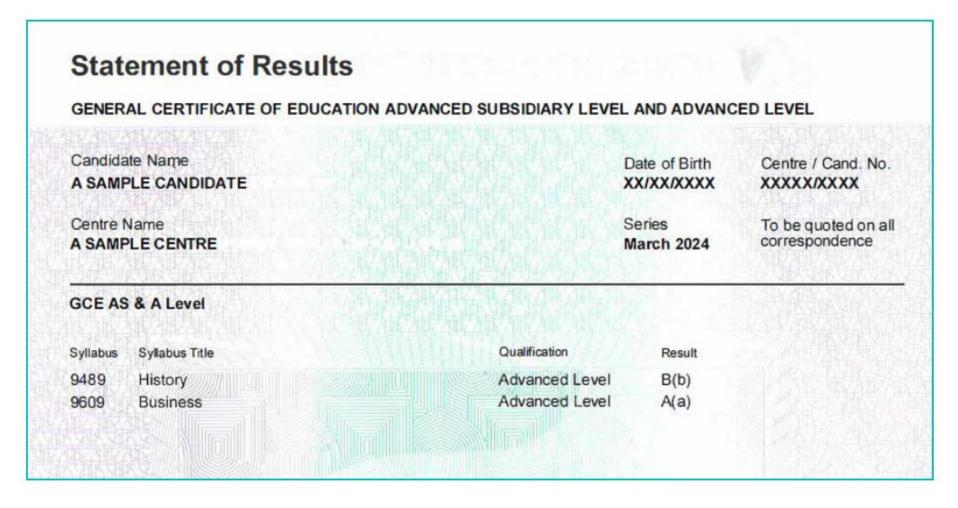
### For teachers:



Electronic broadsheet results file in both PDF and Excel formats



## Statement of results (SoR)





## Syllabus grades on results documents



'NO RESULT' or 'X'

Candidate was absent or withdrawn.

'PENDING' or 'Q'

We cannot issue results, they will follow.



See the Cambridge Handbook 6.1.5



## Check you have...



Received all documents



Received a statement of results for every candidate



Given statements of results to all candidates



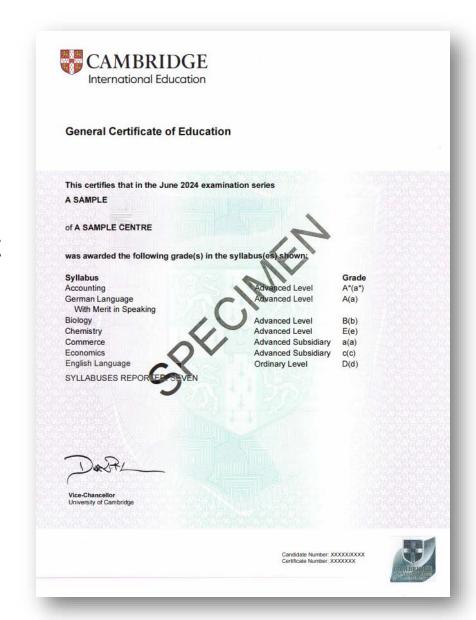
Contact Customer Support if there are any errors on documents



### Certificate

- Cambridge reserve the right to change a candidate's result until certificates are issued.
- You must check certificates carefully and contact info straightaway if any damaged or missing
- You must keep unclaimed certificate in a safe place for 12 months.
- We will not issue copies of certificates.

More details please refer to Handbook 6.4



## Other Results Services

### **Priority result services**

Jun series: 25 Jul 2025

Nov series: 19 Dec 2025

Not necessary if for UK universities

**Enquiries about results** 

**Certifying statements** 

Verification of results

Result analysis (Direct): free of charge



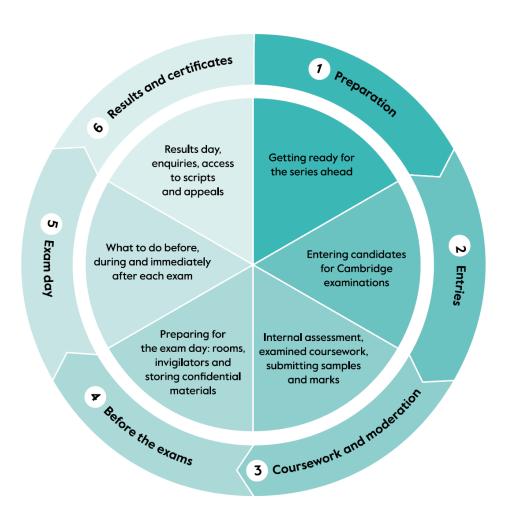




Support for exams officer



## The Cambridge Exams Cycle





## Support for exams officers



Resources and key documents every exams officer needs.

need to get started, and keep up to date with our latest news and developments. The tools and systems you need to run our exams.

Webinars, videos and self-study courses to guide you at each step of the way.



### Guidance documents

CAMBRIDGE
International Education

Cambridge Guide to Making Entries

Including syllabus and option codes for November 2025 series

Cambridge IGCSE
Cambridge O Level
Cambridge International AS & A Level
Cambridge IPQ



For exams officers

### Cambridge Handbook 2025

Regulations and guidance for administering Cambridge exams

#### Includes:

- Cambridge Primary Checkpoint and Lower Secondary Checkpoint
- Cambridae IGCSE™

### **Key dates for November 2025 series** (International)

For more information go to www.cambridgeinternational.org/examsofficersguide



Key dates for Cambridge IGCSE, Cambridge O Level and Cambridge Internatio

Preparation	Late March	Final timetable and Cambridge Guide to Making Er	
Entries	10 May	Estimated entries deadline	
	1 July	Deadline for ordering modified papers	
Preparation	21 July	Deadline for requesting access arrangements for r	
	10 September	Deadline for requesting access arrangements for June 2025 series	
Before the exams	June to September	We send your early question paper despatch	
before the exams	Early to mid-September	We send your question paper despatch	
	16 August	Final entries deadline	
Entries	21 September	Entries deadline for retake entries from the June 2025 series only	
	21 September	Late entries deadline	
Before the exams	Mid-August to early October	We send exam stationery	
Exam day	Early October	Start of timetabled exam period	
Before the exams	31 October	Deadline for forecast grades	
Exam day	Mid-November	End of timetabled exam period	
	November to December	Marking and grading period	
	Mid-January	Cambridge IGCSE and Cambridge O Level results released	
Results and certificates	Mid-January	Cambridge International AS & A Level results released	
certificates	26 February	Deadline for enquiries about results	
	Late March	We send certificates	

Not to be missed!





July 2025

#### Monitoring your email until results release

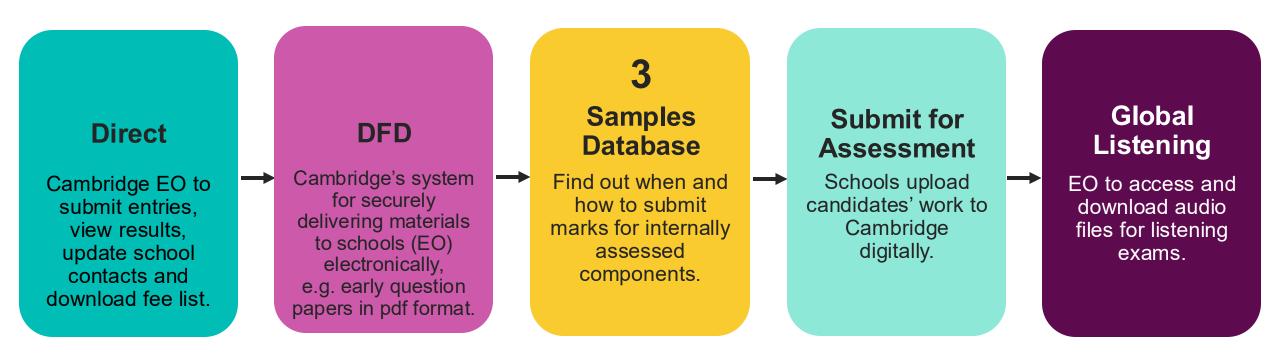
From now until results release, we may contact you with questions about candidate scripts or candidate exam attendance. Make sure you, or another member of staff, is available to answer these urgent queries. If we cannot resolve the problem, we may have to issue 'NO RESULT' or 'PENDING' outcomes.

Make sure your centre is always contactable during working hours, including school holidays and school closures. To do this, we strongly advise that you temporarily set up your emails to redirect to a colleague or central email address so that someone from your centre can reply if you are unavailable.





### Tools and systems you need to run Cambridge exams





## Free training for exams officers

### Online course: NEW

Introduction to being a Cambridge exams officer (12 week, modular, 1-2 hours per week).

### How to book?

Please see the announcement from EO eNews:

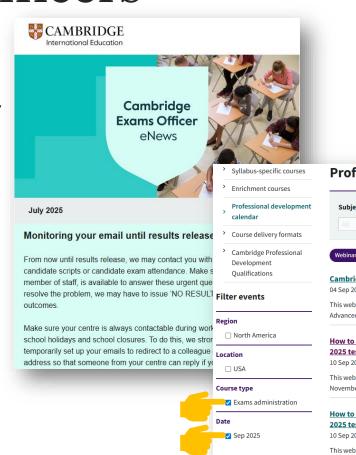


**Cambridge Exams Officer eNewsletter** 

### Webinars:

- Exams officer focus webinars
- How to prepare for the series ahead
- How to administer phase 3 and 4
- How to run exams and/or tests
- How to prepare for results release

How to book? Professional Development Calendar



#### Professional development calendar



#### Cambridge Exams Cycle: Preparation & Entries | Webinar | USA

04 Sep 2025 | 10+ spaces available

This webinar provides an introduction to the basics of being a US-based Cambridge Exams Officer for Advanced Programs with a focus on the fi...

### How to administer phases 3 and 4 of the November 2025 exam series and October 2025 test series | Webinar | 08.30-09:30 UTC+1

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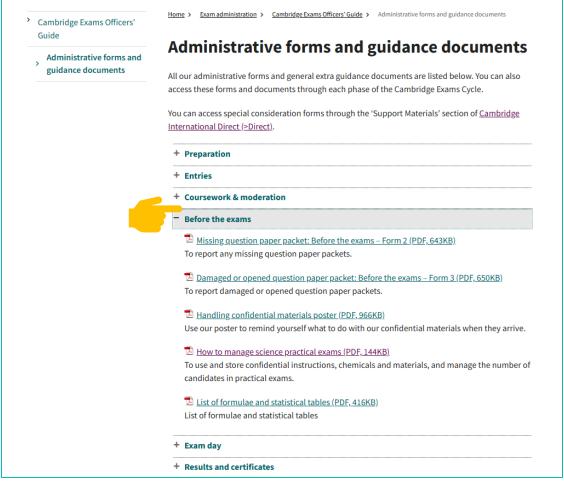
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## Admin forms & guidance documents







Administrative forms and guidance documents

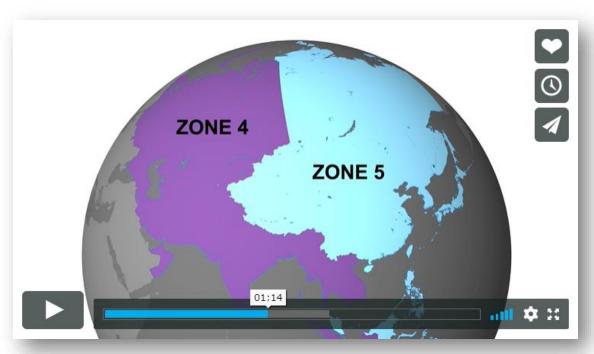


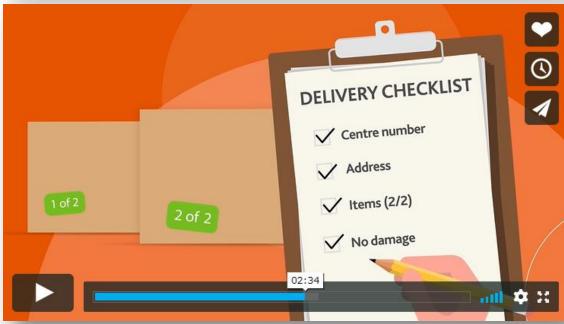
## Learning video tutorials

### **Exams cycle support videos**

- Key Times
- Using the Cambridge Guide to Making Entries
- Submitting marks and samples
- Completing an attendance register
- Packing and despatching samples
- Receiving and storing confidential materials
- Completing an attendance register
- Packing and despatching scripts
- Administering the candidate results service
- Submitting enquiries about results

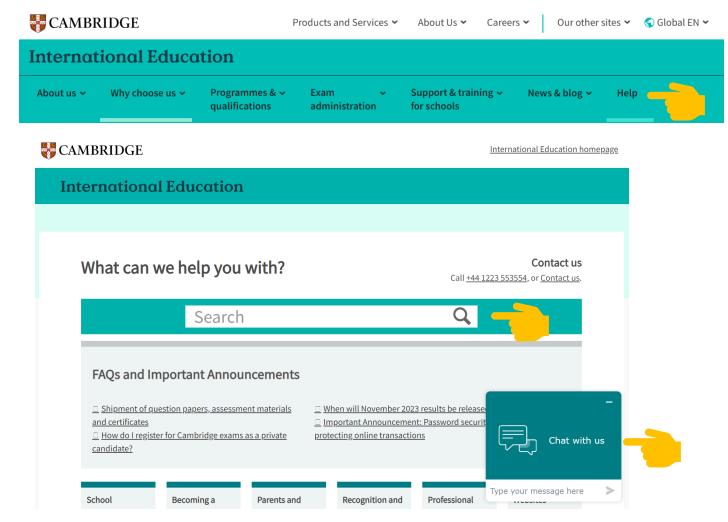








## Help from Cambridge





#### **International Education**

<u>International Education homepage</u>

What can we help you with? 
School Administration Results - Release of Results

#### **Results - Release of Results**

- Can I receive Cambridge results via A2C even if I didn't make entries via A2C? (UK schools)
- How are results reported?
- Missing and/or Incorrect Statements of Results
- Results Information for the June 2021 series
- What results documentation do we send to schools? (International)
- What results documentation do we send to UK schools?
- When will June 2023 results be released?
- When will schools receive hard copy Statements of Results?







## 9 key steps for Cambridge exams officers

- 1. Favorite: Bookmark the Exam Administration page on our website
- 2. Review: Read and annotate the most recent Cambridge Handbook
- 3. Register: Sign up for FREE exams officer webinars
- 4. **Prepare**: Review the current regulations and guidance, and prepare your internal process
- 5. Login: Sign into and familiarize yourself with Cambridge International Direct
- 6. Save the dates: Find out your <u>Key Time</u>, review the final <u>timetable</u>, and make all stakeholders aware of exam dates
- 7. Learn how-to: Watch videos to see how key processes work
- 8. Plan your year: Use the <u>Key Dates and Activities guide</u> to help plan and schedule your year with Cambridge
- 9. Ask: Always ask questions when in doubt. Contact info@ or talk to your peers.



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# Thank you!



