

Enquiry

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Preparation

- Past Years' Examination Papers
- Syllabuses
- Marking Schemes
- Useful websites:
<http://qualifications.pearson.com>;
<http://www.pearsonschoolsandcolleges.co.uk/examzone/examzone.aspx>

Application

- Fill out the application form
- Register in person or by post
- The full examination fee is payable upon registration. Payment can be made by cash, cheque (payable to "British Council (Singapore) Limited"), credit card or NETS
- Obtain a copy of the information for candidates and examination timetable

Admission Letter

- The **Confirmation Email, Statement of Entry, Final Timetable**, and other relevant examination documents will be emailed to the candidate one week before the examination date
- Contact the Examinations Services if you do not receive the admission documents

Examination

- Arrive at the venue fifteen minutes before the examination
- Candidates must produce their identity card/ passport and statement of entry for all examinations
- Candidates must bring all necessary stationery in a transparent pencil case. **Books, dictionaries, mobile phones, and rough papers are not allowed in the exam room.**

Statement of Results

- The International GCSE, IAL, and GCE A Level Statement of Results are available in **March** for the January examinations, **August** for the June examinations and **February** for the October examinations
- The statement of results shows how well the candidate has performed in each subject/paper

Certificates

- Certificates are awarded to candidates who pass the examinations
- Certificates are issued two months after the statement of results has been released

Introduction

Edexcel is the brand name for academic and general qualifications from Pearson, including GCSEs and A levels, as well as some vocational qualifications, including NVQs and Functional Skills. Edexcel's qualifications help learners either progress to higher education or go directly into employment. They are grounded in the quality and traditions of the British education system made relevant for today's UK and international learners.

At the British Council (Singapore), we offer the International GCSE, International Advanced Level (IAL) and GCE Advanced Level examinations. Candidates have a wide variety of subjects to choose from in each qualification. Once you have studied for the examination, you may contact the British Council and register for the examinations as a private candidate.

The International GCSE, International A Level, and GCE A Level examinations

The International General Certificate of Secondary Education (International GCSE) is an international qualification for school students (usually aged 14 to 16). This is a variant of the UK General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE). International GCSEs prepare students for further study, including progression to GCE AS or A levels or employment. Foundation tier papers are targeted at grades D to G, and Higher tier papers are targeted at grades A* to C. This allows students of all abilities the opportunity to gain good results.

Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) qualifications are Pearson-regulated qualifications designed with the global learner in mind. They were introduced in 2013 as international alternatives to the Ofqual-regulated AS and A levels offered in the UK. They differ from A levels in that they have a flexible, modular structure, but they maintain the rigorous standards of all Edexcel qualifications. All subjects (except Law) offer January and June examination windows, giving students more options when applying to local and international universities.

General Certificates of Education (GCE) or Advanced levels are normally studied after level 2 in a BTEC or GCSEs, but you can take them at any age. They mainly involve studying the theory of a subject combined with some investigative work, and are usually studied full-time over two years at school or college. AS levels generally take one year to complete and A levels are studied across two years. Generally, students progress to AS and A levels in the academic year following their GCSE results, but you can take them at any age.

Qualification Reforms

In June 2019, British Council will offer the International GCSE (IGCSE) based on the **9-1 grading system**. Most of the legacy qualification will be phased out by January 2019. The new scale will be introduced to the Ofqual regulated GCSEs by the UK government and is designed to allow greater differentiation of ability across the range of grades, and will reward outstanding performance with the new grade 9.

For more information on the 9-1 grading system, please visit these links:

- <http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-international-gcse-and-edexcel-certificates/International-GCSEs-from-2016-and-2017/key-changes.html>
- http://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/International%20GCSE/General/EDX-INT_Infographic_IGCSE_Factsheet.pdf
- <http://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/International%20GCSE/General/New-GCSE-Grading-Structure.pdf>

The GCE A levels are now fully linear, with students sitting their exams at the end of the two-year course. New AS levels are stand-alone qualifications and no longer contribute to an A level grade. Their purpose is to encourage curriculum breadth and the AS level is designed to be co-taught with the first year of the A level.

What qualifications do I need to register for the examination?

There is no basic qualification or age restriction to register for the International GCSE / IAL / GCE A Level examination.

What are the subjects offered?

Edexcel covers a wide range of subjects for International GCSE, IAL, and GCE A Levels. The most popular subjects are Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Economics, Accounting and Mathematics. Edexcel may offer session specific subjects like Law which is only available in June / October.

We do not offer subjects with coursework and oral/speaking components/ languages at our centre due to unavailability of resources. There is no limit to the number of subjects a candidate can register for.

When are the Edexcel examinations held?

Exam Session	Qualifications Offered
January	International GCSE
	International A Level
June	International GCSE
	International A Level
	GCE A Level
October	International A Level

How do I register for the Edexcel exam?

Candidates must register with British Council (Singapore) by submitting the application form before the registration closing dates. Applications forms are available at our Customer Service Counter, Napier Road Centre. Alternatively, you may download the forms from our website:

(IAL and GCE A Level) <http://www.britishcouncil.sg/exam/school-exams/choosing/why-a-as-levels>

(International GCSE) <http://www.britishcouncil.sg/exam/school-exams/choosing/why-igcse>

You may submit your application form in person or by post. The full examination fee must be paid upon registration. If you register in person, you may pay by cash, NETS, cheque or credit card (Visa/Master). For applications by post, cheque payment must be enclosed and posted to:

British Council
Examinations Services
30 Napier Road
Singapore 258509

All cheques must be made payable to "*British Council (Singapore) Limited*".

The link below shows our operating hours at the British Council (Napier Road):

<http://www.britishcouncil.sg/english/centres/napier-road>

Taking Examinations with British Council

The British Council will notify candidates of the exam details via email (date, time and venue), one week before the examinations starts. Candidates are to follow the schedule of the examinations issued by the British Council.

Does British Council have preparation courses?

The British Council is a private examination centre and does not conduct any preparation course leading to International GCSE, GCE A Level, and IAL examinations.

What kind of help and support is available to prepare for the examinations?

Past years' papers are available for download from the Edexcel website: <http://www.edexcel.com/i-am-a/student/Pages/Resources.aspx>

Soft copies of the syllabuses are also downloadable in PDF format from the Edexcel website: <http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/home.html>

Edexcel also has a website for candidates. If you have questions about the examinations you can go to <http://www.pearsonschoolsandcolleges.co.uk/examzone/examzone.aspx>. Revision tips and examiners' comments on how to improve your performance in each subject may also be found in this website.

Withdrawal from examinations

There will be NO refund of examination fee after registration unless the exam board rejects the exam entry for one reason or another. Examination fees cannot be transferred between examination sessions (eg. June to October). The dates are fixed by the examination board and cannot be changed. These are held worldwide.

Non-attendance from either part or the whole examination session without any valid reason will not be entitled to any refunds.

A 70% refund of the standard registration fee may be possible if the request is received **by 15 November 2019** and a valid reason is given. Requests received after this date will be considered on a case-by-case basis (subject to exam board's approval).

Only the following valid reasons will be considered for a refund (supporting documents will be required):

- The death of an immediate relative (a copy of the death certificate must be provided)
- Serious illness (supported by medical evidence)

Refunds will only be processed after the end of the examination period.

The British Council reserves the right to cancel any examination or to refuse applications. If the British Council cancels an examination, a full refund of the registration fee will be made to candidates.

Results and Certificates

Candidates will receive their log-in details one week before the results release date. This is to access their results via RESULTS DIRECT PLUS (<https://www.resultsplusdirect.co.uk/students/login.html>).

Examination in January: results will be issued by mid-March.
Examination in May/June: results will be issued by mid-August.
Examination in October: results will be issued in late February

The statement of results is not a certificate.

Certificates will be issued to candidates two months after the results are released. A certificate is awarded to candidates who achieve the minimum grade.

IAL and GCE 2008 candidates should note that they will receive certificates only if they cash-in their results (administrative fees will apply for each request). Candidates who decline their results will not receive certificates.

FOR GCE Mathematics, candidates must be aware of the aggregation rules for cashing-in their results:
<https://www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/entries/gce-maths-information>

Disclaimer

The British Council and the Examining Boards take all reasonable steps to provide continuity of service. We feel sure you will understand, however, that we cannot be held responsible for any interruptions caused by circumstances beyond our control. If examinations or their results are disrupted, cancelled or delayed, every effort will be made to resume normal service as soon as possible. The British Council's liability will be limited to the refund of the registration fee or re-testing at a later date.