



RECOGNISING ACHIEVEMENT

NOTICE TO CENTRES

FAO: Heads of Mathematics; Mathematics Departments; Examination Officers

Date: January 2009

Subject: GCE Mathematics and Further Mathematics (3890/7890/3892/7892, 3895/7895/3896/7896)

GCE MATHEMATICS AND FURTHER MATHEMATICS CERTIFICATION

OPTIMISING GRADES FOR GCE MATHEMATICS QUALIFICATIONS

Centres are reminded that when candidates certificate for a GCE qualification in Mathematics they are strongly advised to recertificate for any GCE Mathematics qualification for which they have previously certificated.

For example

- a candidate certificating for A level Mathematics is advised to recertificate for AS Mathematics if this has been certificated in a previous session.
- a candidate certificating for A level Further Mathematics is advised to recertificate (or certificate) for AS Mathematics, A level Mathematics and AS Further Mathematics.

The reason for this is to ensure that all units are made available to optimise the grade for each qualification.

For further details about the rules for aggregation please see the Notice to Centres dated March 2008 on the GCE Maths pages on the OCR website.

Certification entries are free of charge.

MANUAL CERTIFICATION FOR FURTHER MATHEMATICS

It is permissible for candidates to enter for GCE Further Mathematics with the OCR or OCR (MEI) specification if they have previously entered (or are simultaneously entering) for GCE Mathematics with another specification or Awarding Body. In this case OCR has to check that there is no overlap between the content of the units being used for the GCE Mathematics qualification and the GCE Further Mathematics qualification.

A Manual Certification Form must be completed for each candidate. A copy of the form is enclosed with this notice. It is also available on the GCE Mathematics pages on the OCR website. If you wish to have an electronic copy of the form email your request to fmathsmancert@ocr.org.uk

THIS NOTICE TO CENTRES IS SUMMARISED ON THE NEXT PAGE. EXAMINATION OFFICERS ARE ADVISED TO INSERT THIS BETWEEN PAGES 78 AND 79 OF THE GCE ENTRY CODES SECTION OF THE 'ADMIN GUIDE AND ENTRY CODES' FOLDER.

Any enquiry about this notice should be referred to the OCR Customer Contact Centre, (01223 553998), OCR, 1 Hills Road, Cambridge, CB1 2EU.

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The contents of the previous page are summarised in the table below for the OCR specification (3890/7890/3892/7892).

Qualification	
7890	Candidates are strongly advised to apply for recertification for 3890 in the same session as certificating for 7890 if this has been certificated in a previous session.
3892	Candidates are strongly advised to apply for recertification (or certification) for 3890 (and 7890 if enough units have been sat) in the same session as certificating for 3892. If a candidate has certificated or is certificating for AS Mathematics or A-level Mathematics with a different specification or Awarding Body then a Manual Certification form* must be completed and returned to OCR.
7892	Candidates are strongly advised to apply for recertification (or certification) for 3890, 7890 and 3892 in the same session as certificating for 7892. If a candidate has certificated or is certificating for A-level Mathematics with a different specification or Awarding Body then a Manual Certification form* must be completed and returned to OCR.

The contents of the previous page are summarised in the table below for the OCR (MEI) specification (3895/7895/3896/7896).

Qualification	
7895	Candidates are strongly advised to apply for recertification for 3895 in the same session as certificating for 7895.
3896	Candidates are strongly advised to apply for recertification (or certification) for 3895 (and 7895 if enough units have been sat) in the same session as certificating for 3896. If a candidate has certificated or is certificating for AS Mathematics or A-level Mathematics with a different specification or Awarding Body then a Manual Certification form* must be completed and returned to OCR.
7896	Candidates are strongly advised to apply for recertification (or certification) for 3895, 7895 and 3896 in the same session as certificating for 7896. If a candidate has certificated or is certificating for A-level Mathematics with a different specification or Awarding Body then a Manual Certification form* must be completed and returned to OCR.
3897	Candidates are strongly advised to apply for recertification (or certification) for 3895, 7895, 3896 and 7896 in the same session as certificating for 3897.
7897	Candidates are strongly advised to apply for recertification (or certification) for 3895, 7895, 3896, 7896 and 3897 in the same session as certificating for 7895.

*A copy of the Manual Certification form is attached. It may be photocopied as required, and should be returned to: The Qualification Manager for Mathematics, OCR, 1 Hills Road, Cambridge, CB1 2EU; Fax: 01223 553242. The form is also available on the GCE Mathematics pages on the OCR website.

An electronic copy of the form may be requested by emailing fmathsmancert@ocr.org.uk When completed the form can be returned by email to the same address.