

NOTICE TO CENTRES

FAO: Exams Officer
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Subject: GCE, GCSE, Principal Learning

UPDATES TO CERTIFICATION WARNING REPORTS

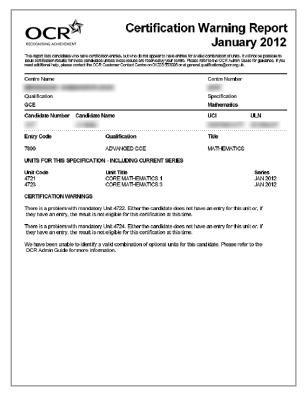
We are pleased to let you know that we have made some improvements to the certification warning reports for unitised qualifications.

You receive certification warning reports together with your statements of entry and other entry feedback documents, to help you resolve any issues with your entries. The reports show any candidates entered for certification for GCE, GCSE or Principal Learning qualifications who do not appear to have entries for a valid combination of units (e.g. not enough units, or not satisfying the terminal rule).

What's changed?

- The certification warning reports are now more accurate and reliable and have clearer messages to enable you easily to pinpoint the nature of the problem and resolve it more quickly.
- We have developed the reports for GCE
 Mathematics, so any warnings for GCE Maths will
 now be included in the reports.
- The GCSE reports have been updated to include warnings relating to the **new terminal rules** and rules of combination. This will be particularly helpful for those centres making the transition to the new GCSEs.

Please note that, even if you do not have any warnings relating to your entries, you will still receive a certification warning report advising you of this. We think it's better that you receive a report confirming that you have no entry errors than not receiving a report at all.



We continue to generate the reports while centres have the opportunity to make changes to their entries, in case these changes impact the original entry status.

We hope you find these developments helpful. Please see the <u>Admin Guide: 14–19 Qualifications</u> for further guidance on how to resolve problems with your entries. If you have any queries about this notice, please call our Customer Contact Centre on 01223 553998.