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NOTICE TO CENTRES

FAO: The Head of Physical Education and the Exams Officer

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Subject: GCE Physical Education

Key information about conducting H154/H554 assessments in 2012/13

Resources

It is important to visit the OCR website at the beginning of the academic year, as well as regularly throughout the year, in order to access the most up-to-date and relevant materials which support the specification. Key updates, such as those to assessment criteria for practical activities, are available now for use in assessments this academic year. Any new or updated resources will be added to the specification web pages at: www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/type/gce/blt/pe/documents

The following resources are currently available to download:

- **Teacher support: Coursework Guidance Booklets** – Amendments have been made to the AS Unit G452 and A2 Unit G454 Coursework Guidance Booklets in response to feedback from centres and moderators. The amended Coursework Guidance Booklets for 2012/13 have been published on the OCR website. All amendments/new information within these documents have been highlighted in **yellow**. A summary document highlighting the amendments/new information has also been made available on the OCR website. All assessments and administration for Units G452 and G454 in 2012/13 should be conducted in line with these amended documents.
- **Special activity submissions** – Centres may apply to submit candidate assessments in 'special activities' which are not on the published list of approved activities. Criteria for some activities may have already been approved by OCR for use by other centres who deliver the specification. In the first instance, and prior to making a special activity submission, it would be advisable to contact OCR to ascertain if such criteria already exist. This can be done via the OCR Customer Contact Centre. In order to make a special activity submission, proposed marking criteria for the activity must be submitted to OCR no later than 15 October of the academic year in question. Further guidance and the submission form are available on the website.
- **Coursework administration guide** – This guide has been updated for 2012/13. It aims to assist centres in their administration of Units G452 and G454. Centres should read this to ensure that they are familiar with the key dates and requirements associated with these units.
- **Reports to centres** – The latest Report provides feedback on candidate performance in the June 2012 series. Centres may find this document useful during future delivery of the qualification.

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Administration

- **Estimated entries** – Centres should make accurate estimated entries for Units G452 and G454. The estimated entries trigger the allocation of moderators to centres and ensure that the correct documentation is despatched. Estimated entries must be made via OCR's secure extranet, Interchange.
- **Moderator address labels** – Centres will no longer be sent moderator address labels for units G452 and G454. Centres will be informed as to their moderator's address in late March/early April in an introductory letter from their moderator.
NB: the moderator's address will be communicated to both the PE Department and the Examinations Office so that both the Assessment Forms and the MS1 (or EDI equivalent) are sent to the moderator.
- **Interactive assessment forms** – Centres are encouraged to use the amended interactive practical assessment forms for Units G452 and G454. These amended forms enable centres to enter the marks required for those performance activities with separate elements for assessment, a requirement for a log book and/or when candidates are assessed in an event/skill and measured against the performance assessment tables. For coaching and officiating, a separate mark can be entered for the coaching/officiating itself and the log book. In each instance, the overall mark will be automatically calculated by the interactive form. Centres are also encouraged to use the amended interactive practical activity assessment forms and the interactive Evaluation and planning for the improvement of performance (EPIP) and Evaluation, appreciation and the improvement of performance (E & A) forms.
- **Candidates attending moderation** – Moderation is part of the assessment process and, as such, if a candidate is selected by the moderator to attend moderation, they should be present on the day. If a candidate cannot attend for a legitimate reason, such as injury or a clash with another examination, you must inform the moderator before the moderation visit and a suitable alternative candidate must attend the moderation instead. In June 2012, a number of candidates arrived at moderation without the necessary equipment. It is vital that candidates attending moderation have appropriate kit and equipment where relevant (shin pads, etc).
- **Centre authentication form (CCS160)** – Centres must send a signed CCS160 form to their moderator along with all of the other documentation for each practical unit to be assessed. This form is available from the OCR website.
- **Seasonal activities** – There is now a set list of activities for which marks for AS Unit G452 may be submitted by 15 May rather than 31 March. The list can be found in Section 1.3 of the Coursework Guidance Booklet. Any activity not on the seasonal activity list must be assessed by 31 March. All AS candidates must have a minimum of **one activity mark submitted by 31 March** as per the requirements of the specification.
NB: all A2 assessments must be completed by 31 March.

Candidates being assessed in seasonal activities may still be called to moderation to answer questions about, or demonstrate knowledge of skills associated with, these activities even if final assessment of them by the centre has yet to take place.

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DVD/CD-Rom evidence

Centres are reminded of the requirement to collate and retain DVD/CD-Rom evidence for Units G452 and G454. The Teacher Support: Coursework Guidance Booklets stipulate the following:

- All final assessments must be supported by DVD/CD-Rom evidence. Centres are required to have DVD/CD-Rom evidence of a sample of their candidates from across the range of marks (top, middle and bottom) for each activity assessed. This DVD/CD-Rom evidence should include:

For AS (Unit G452):

- The selection and application of acquired and developed skills: candidates are recorded taking part in performance, coaching or officiating assessment situations.
- Evaluation and planning for the improvement of performance: candidates are recorded responding to a performance, together with footage of the performance they have observed.

For A2 (Unit G454):

- The performance of a range of basic and advanced acquired and developed skills in an authentic context. Candidates are recorded taking part in performing, coaching or officiating assessment situations.
- Evaluation, appreciation and the improvement of performance: candidates are recorded responding to a performance, together with footage of the performance they have observed.

Centres should ensure that candidates included in the DVD/CD-Rom evidence can be clearly identified and matched easily to candidates detailed within the assessment forms. This can be achieved by the use of numbered bibs together with a commentary or accompanying documentation. The DVD/CD-Rom evidence should relate to the assessment criteria for the activity concerned.

Centres are also advised that any request for post-results services for Units G452 and/or G454 is subject to a centre being able to provide DVD/CD-Rom evidence of a sample of their candidates from across the range of marks (top, middle and bottom) for each performance activity viewed at moderation. DVD/CD-Rom evidence of a sample of their candidates from across the range of marks (top, middle and bottom) will also be required for coaching, officiating and, for Unit G452, the Evaluation and planning for the improvement of performance (EPIP) and, for Unit G454, the Evaluation, appreciation and the improvement of performance (E & A).

If you have any queries about this notice, please call the OCR Customer Contact Centre on 01223 553998.