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Attachments	- Frequently Asked Questions - Updated Winter 2026 Activity Schedules

Dear Partner Centre,

As part of the continuous review of our qualifications, NCC Education are pleased to announce a new assessment approach to the following units within the Level 3 International Foundation Diploma for Higher Education Studies:

- Mathematics for University Study
- Further Mathematics for University Study
- Biology for University Study
- Physics for University Study
- Chemistry for University Study
- Introductory Economics
- Introductory Accounting.

The units will be assessed through a **single examination**, which samples Assessment Criteria from each Learning Outcome in a structured and representative manner, to provide a valid and reliable indication of the learner's overall attainment. Each examination for these units is designed to be comparable in demand and in the scope of knowledge, skills and understanding assessed.

This will take effect from **Winter 2026** and will continue for the remainder of the qualification versions. The updated Activity Schedules for Winter 2026 have been shared alongside this announcement.

Please note that the learning outcomes for these units have not changed. This change has been made to ensure that we are assessing students in the most effective way for the content of the unit.

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All other units on this qualification, which are not mentioned above, will continue to be assessed in the current format with no changes introduced.

The updated specimen assessment materials, which have been devised from previous past papers, are available on the NCC Education Quartz Web Portal. These will be available from the Autumn 2026 past paper release date on Friday 6th November 2026. Please continue to access the teaching, learning and sample assessment materials via the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE).

Any learners that have failed one of the two global examinations on the above units during Autumn 2026, or any previous cycle, will re-sit the new singular examination from Winter 2026. This will be treated as a first sit, and centres will not be charged the standard resit fee. Any subsequent resits on the singular examination will then be charged the standard resit fee.

Please see the table below which outlines the changes:

Module ID	Unit ID	Unit Name
2150		Mathematics for University Study (1.00)
Up to Autumn 2026	2197	Mathematics for University Study GX1 (V1)
	2198	Mathematics for University Study GX2 (V1)
2360		Mathematics for University Study (2.00)
From Winter 2026	2367	Mathematics for University Study GX (V2)
2155		Biology for University Study (1.00)
Up to Autumn 2026	2215	Biology for University Study GX1 (V1)
	2216	Biology for University Study GX2 (V1)
2366		Biology for University Study (2.00)
From Winter 2026	2373	Biology for University Study GX (V2)
2154		Chemistry for University Study (1.00)
Up to Autumn 2026	2213	Chemistry for University Study GX1 (V1)
	2214	Chemistry for University Study GX2 (V1)
2365		Chemistry for University Study (2.00)
From Winter 2026	2372	Chemistry for University Study GX (V2)
2153		Further Mathematics for University Study (1.00)
Up to Autumn 2026	2209	Further Mathematics for University Study GX1 (V1)
	2210	Further Mathematics for University Study GX2 (V1)
2361		Further Mathematics for University Study (2.00)
From Winter 2026	2368	Further Mathematics for University Study GX (V2)
2152		Physics for University Study (1.00)
Up to Autumn 2026	2211	Physics for University Study GX1 (V1)
	2212	Physics for University Study GX2 (V1)
2364		Physics for University Study (2.00)
From Winter 2026	2371	Physics for University Study GX (V2)
2136		Introductory Accounting (1.00)
Up to Autumn 2026	2203	Introductory Accounting GX1 (V1)
	2204	Introductory Accounting GX2 (V1)
2362		Introductory Accounting (2.00)
From Winter 2026	2369	Introductory Accounting GX (V2)
2137		Introductory Economics (1.00)
Up to Autumn 2026	2205	Introductory Economics GX1 (V1)
	2206	Introductory Economics GX2 (V1)
2363		Introductory Economics (2.00)
From Winter 2026	2370	Introductory Economics GX (V2)

In the meantime, NCC Education are beginning to plan the redevelopment of this qualification, which will launch in 2028. We will be in touch soon, as our partner centre feedback is valuable for the future of this qualification.

If you have any further queries regarding this announcement, please refer to the FAQs provided or contact your Partner Success Advisor.

Thank you for your continued partnership and commitment to NCC Education.

Kind regards,

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