



Carry-forward regulations supplement for Exams Officers and centre staff

This supplement outlines our carry-forward regulations. You must use this alongside the *Cambridge Handbook*, available at: cambridgeinternational.org/eoguide, and your *Cambridge Guide to Making Entries*, available at: cambridgeinternational.org/direct

The regulations and information in this supplement will help you understand the entry you should make if you have candidates who wish to carry forward marks. You must make carry-forward entries when you make your entries. You can find information about:

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1. Reasons to carry forward marks to a future exam series

Some syllabuses allow candidates to carry forward marks from a previous exam series to a future exam series. There are two reasons for doing this:

1. To complete a Cambridge International A Level using staged assessment

This applies if the whole AS Level was completed in the same previous exam series. The marks achieved for the whole AS Level are carried forward.

Example: A candidate takes Cambridge International AS Level Chemistry in the June series. In the following June series, the candidate carries forward their AS Level marks and takes the A2 components of the syllabus to complete their A Level.

2. To try and improve the grade the candidate achieved in the previous exam series

This applies if the whole qualification was completed in a previous exam series. The marks from non-exam assessments, such as coursework and speaking tests, are carried forward.

Example: A candidate takes Cambridge IGCSE™ Geography in the June series and receives a grade. In the following November series, the candidate carries forward their June series coursework mark and re-sits the written components of the syllabus.

Important information

If your centre is moved to the portfolio of evidence route, there is specific guidance to follow about carrying forward marks. You can find this on our website, on the portfolio of evidence page relevant to the series you are making entries for. Our usual carry-forward entry rules also apply to portfolios of evidence.

2. Carry-forward entry rules

2.1 Overview

Candidates must meet all of the carry-forward rules (see section 2.2) to be able to carry forward their marks from a previous series. This applies to carrying forward Cambridge International AS Level marks and to carrying forward marks from non-exam assessments, such as coursework and speaking tests.

There are also additional rules for carrying forward AS Level marks (see section 2.3) and additional guidance for carrying forward marks from non-exam assessments (see section 2.4).

Before starting to teach any Cambridge syllabus, you should carefully read the syllabus document to check for any specific requirements relating to carry forward.

2.2 General carry-forward rules (applicable to all syllabuses)

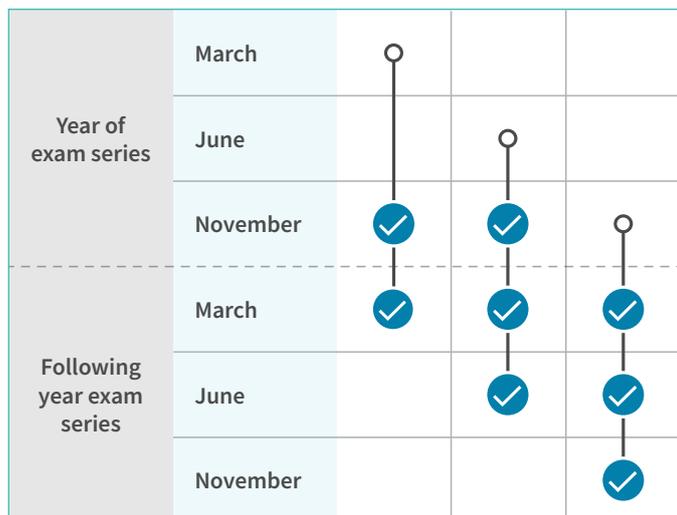
Candidates must meet **all** of these rules to be able to carry forward their marks from a previous series.

! Rule 1: 13-month rule

You can carry forward marks up to 13 months after the exam series when they were achieved, as shown in the diagram below. The exception is that you cannot carry forward marks from the March series to the June series. This is because the results for the March series are not released until after the June series timetabled exams have started.

The 13-month period always counts from the **original** exam series in which the marks were achieved. This applies even if the marks are carried forward to a future series – the 13-month period does not re-start from this future series.

It is **not** possible to carry forward marks to a series more than 13 months after the original exam series when they were achieved.



We have the 13-month rule because a candidate's achievement in a syllabus should reflect their current level of knowledge and skills. Longer than 13 months means that we are less confident that we are awarding the final qualification grade based on a candidate's current performance level.

After 13 months there may also be changes to the syllabus or assessment requirements. A candidate with older marks to carry forward would not necessarily be meeting the content and skills requirements for the current version of the syllabus.

Rule 2: Number of times marks can be carried forward

Cambridge IGCSE, O Level and Pre-U

A candidate can carry forward marks for Cambridge IGCSE, O Level and Pre-U **once** up to 13 months after the exam series when they were achieved. For example, a candidate with Cambridge IGCSE coursework marks from the June series:

- can carry forward their coursework marks and re-sit their IGCSE in the next November series
- or
- can carry forward their coursework marks and re-sit their IGCSE in the next March series
- or
- can carry forward their coursework marks and re-sit their IGCSE in the next June series.

After the candidate has carried forward these marks to re-sit the qualification they **cannot** be used again, even within a 13-month period.

Cambridge International AS Level

A candidate can carry forward marks for Cambridge International AS Level **twice** within 13 months of the exam series when they were achieved. For example, a candidate with Cambridge International AS Level marks from the June series:

- can carry forward their AS Level marks and complete their A Level by taking the A2 components in the November series **and** can carry forward their AS Level marks and complete their A Level by re-taking the A2 components in the March series
- or
- can carry forward their AS Level marks and complete their A Level by taking the A2 components in the November series **and** can carry forward their AS Level marks and complete their A Level by re-taking the A2 components in the next June series

or

- can carry forward their AS Level marks and complete their A Level by taking the A2 components in the March series **and** can carry forward their AS Level marks and complete their A Level by re-taking the A2 components in the next June series.

After the candidate has carried forward these AS Level marks twice to complete their A Level, they **cannot** be used a third time, even within a 13-month period.

Rule 3: Syllabus eligibility for carrying forward marks

The syllabus must state that carry forward of marks is permitted. Before starting to teach any Cambridge syllabus, you should check it carefully for any specific requirements relating to carry forward. If the syllabus has changed since the series when the candidate achieved their marks, you must check that carry forward from the old version of the syllabus to the new version is permitted.

A candidate can only carry forward marks when the syllabus code is the same.

Example: A candidate can carry forward marks for Cambridge IGCSE Geography (0460) coursework and re-sit the written components of IGCSE Geography (0460) in a later series within 13 months.

! A candidate **cannot** carry forward marks when the syllabus code is different, for example a candidate cannot carry forward marks:

- from Cambridge IGCSE English as a Second Language (0510) to Cambridge IGCSE English as a Second Language (0511)
- **NEW** from Cambridge IGCSE History 0470 to Cambridge IGCSE (9–1) History 0977
- from the legacy syllabus code for Cambridge International AS & A Level History (9389) to the new syllabus code for Cambridge International AS & A Level History (9489)
- from Cambridge International AS Level French Language (8682) to complete Cambridge International A Level French (9716).

The syllabus must be available in the series and administrative zone in which the candidate intends to complete their qualification.

Rule 4: Withdrawn candidates

If a candidate was withdrawn from the syllabus in the previous series and did not receive a result, they cannot carry forward any marks from that series.

Rule 5: Candidates with U or X grades

If a candidate has a U grade (ungraded) from the previous series, they can still carry forward the marks they achieved in that series.

If a candidate has an X grade (no result) from the previous series because of missing component marks they:

- **can** still carry forward marks from non-exam assessments, such as coursework and speaking tests
- **cannot** carry forward an AS Level X grade. This is because candidates must have marks for all components which make up the AS Level (see section 2.3).

Where a candidate has an X grade because they were disqualified for malpractice in the previous series, they cannot carry forward marks from any of the components of the syllabus from which they were disqualified.

2.3 Additional rules for carrying forward Cambridge International AS Level marks

If you are carrying forward AS Level marks from a previous series, you must follow all of the carry-forward rules 1 to 5 in section 2.2.

You must also follow these additional rules to carry forward AS Level marks:

- All of the AS Level marks which are being carried forward must come from the **same** series. Where the AS Level includes a coursework component, it may be possible for this coursework component to be carried forward separately (see section 5.3). It is **not** possible to carry forward an AS Level consisting of marks from more than one series.
- The AS Level must have the same syllabus code as the A Level. The A Level syllabus must offer a staged assessment route.
- Candidates must have marks (including zero) for all components which make up the AS Level. If a candidate is missing a mark (e.g. because of absence or malpractice) for one or more of the components of the AS Level, it cannot be carried forward.
- For 9709 (Cambridge International AS & A Level Mathematics) and 9231 (Cambridge International AS & A Level Further Mathematics), the AS Level must include a valid combination of components when compared to the components which the candidate will take to complete their A Level (see section 6, example 3).
- After a candidate has been issued a provisional result, their entry option **cannot** be changed:
 - from a linear A Level entry option (e.g. AY) to an AS Level entry option (e.g. SY)

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- from an A Level entry option in a syllabus which does not offer AS Level (e.g. Cambridge International AS & A Level French (9716)) to an AS Level entry option in a syllabus in the same subject at AS Level (e.g. Cambridge International AS Level French Language (8682))
- from a linear A Level entry option (e.g. AZ) to a staged entry option (e.g. BZ) or vice versa.

NEW You should therefore consider using the best of both entry option (see section 4.4) for candidates who are taking a linear A Level who have previous AS Level marks which meet our carry-forward rules. A best of both entry option means that the previous AS Level marks are also considered when determining the candidate's A Level grade.

After the issue of provisional results a change of entry option from one carry-forward entry option (e.g. 'June carry forward') to a different carry-forward entry option (e.g. 'November carry forward') is permitted, provided that the carry-forward rules 1 to 5 in section 2.2 are met. Very late entry fees will be charged.

If you are unfamiliar with how our A Level qualifications are structured and what we mean by terms such as 'linear' and 'staged', you can find out more information in section 4 of this supplement.

2.4 Additional guidance for carrying forward marks from non-exam assessment

If you are carrying forward marks from non-exam assessment from a previous series, you must follow all the general carry-forward rules in section 2.2.

For A Level syllabuses which include coursework components we have provided further guidance in section 5.

You can also submit candidates' work which was originally prepared for a non-exam assessment in a previous series **but not submitted** if it meets all the criteria below:

- The component does not have pre-release materials or early exam stimulus materials that are unique to each exam series.
- We have not previously marked or moderated the work.
- The work has been kept securely by the centre and the candidate has not had any opportunity to change it.
- The work meets the current syllabus requirements.

You must follow the guidance for non-exam assessments in section 3.4 of the *Cambridge Handbook*.

For a small number of syllabuses, such as Cambridge IGCSE Global Perspectives (0457) and Cambridge O Level

Global Perspectives (2069), there is more than one coursework component which can be carried forward. In these cases, you should check the syllabus for any specific additional requirements for carry forward.

3. Entry details you need to provide

When you make entries for a carry-forward entry option, you must provide the most recent previous entry details (centre number and candidate number) for your candidates so we can find their previous marks.

If a candidate is completing the qualification at your centre and is carrying forward marks from assessments which they took at a different centre, you must provide the most recent previous centre number and candidate number as part of their entry.

If you realise that a candidate's previous entry details have not been included with their entry or are incorrect, you must update them as soon as possible on Direct, or using your usual method for making entries. It is vital you provide these details, to make sure the candidate's previous marks are carried forward correctly.

4. Carrying forward Cambridge International AS Level to A Level

4.1 Overview

The information in this section will help you to understand the choices available for carrying forward marks from AS to A Level. You should also refer to our carry-forward entry rules (see section 2) and the entry details you need to provide (see section 3) before making your AS and A Level entries.

You can find information about:

- The structure of an A Level (see section 4.2)
- Staged assessment (see section 4.3)
- Best of both assessment (see section 4.4).

4.2 The structure of an A Level

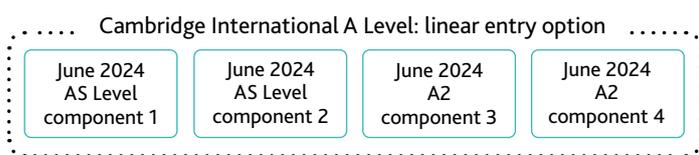
Cambridge International A Level is typically a two-year course, and Cambridge International AS Level is typically a one-year course.

- Cambridge International AS Level is a standalone qualification. The syllabus content is half a Cambridge International A Level. Some syllabuses are available as AS Level qualifications only, e.g. AS Level Environmental Management (8291).
- Cambridge International A Level typically consists of the AS Level components and additional components. The second part of the A Level syllabus is sometimes referred to as the 'A2' part or 'A2 components'. A2 is not a standalone qualification.

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The route to an A Level grade is determined by the entry option code you select.

A **linear** entry option is for candidates who want to take the full A Level (both AS and A2 components) in the same exam series. A typical example is shown in the diagram below. There is no carry forward of marks in a linear entry option. For a candidate's previous AS Level marks to be considered when determining their A Level grade, you must use a staged or best of both entry option. All A Level syllabuses offer a linear entry option.



You can find some examples of entry options for linear assessment in section 6.

A **staged** or **best of both** entry option is for candidates who want to take AS Level in one series and complete their A Level by taking the A2 components in a later series. **NEW** The AS Level marks are carried forward. There are no routes to A Level where the candidate's complete set of A2 marks are carried forward.

For some A Level syllabuses, there are no staged or best of both entry options available. The AS Level is offered under a different syllabus code and cannot be carried forward to combine with the A2 components.

Which syllabuses do not offer staged assessment?

Staged assessment is not offered for syllabuses in languages. We do not offer staged assessments in these subjects because the same skills are used, embedded and strengthened over the whole course; in other subjects, the content and/or skills can be divided more discretely in half. You should check carefully when making your entries whether staged assessment is available.

For example, for Cambridge International AS & A Level French, the AS Level is offered under syllabus code 8682 (French Language) and the A Level is offered under syllabus code 9716 (French). Candidates who take AS Level French Language (8682) **cannot** carry forward their AS Level marks to complete their A Level. To achieve their A Level, they must enter for the linear entry option of 9716 and complete the full A Level (both AS and A2 components) in the same exam series.

All Cambridge International AS & A Level syllabuses also offer a **compensatory AS Level** route. This route to a grade is available to candidates entered for linear or best of both entry options who do not score enough marks across all of the components of the A Level to receive an A Level grade. In this case, we look to see if they would achieve an AS Level grade, based on their marks for the AS Level components only and award this 'compensatory' AS Level grade, if so.

4.3 Staged assessment

A staged entry option is for candidates who want to take just the A2 components in the current series and have already taken AS Level in a previous series. A typical example is shown in the diagram below for a candidate carrying forward their AS Level marks from the previous June series to the next June series. You should check the **carry-forward rules in this supplement** (see section 2) to confirm that the AS Level marks the candidate already has can be carried forward.



Your choice of entry option depends on when the AS Level marks were achieved. The exact entry options available depend on the syllabus and your administrative zone. Typical examples are given below:

- **March carry-forward entry option**
Use this entry option to carry forward AS Level marks which were achieved in the previous March series. For many syllabuses, these entry options are E entry options. This kind of entry option is not available in the June series.
- **June carry-forward entry option**
Use this entry option to carry forward AS Level marks which were achieved in the previous June series. For many syllabuses, these entry options are B entry options.
- **November carry-forward entry option**
Use this entry option to carry forward AS Level marks which were achieved in the previous November series. For many syllabuses, these entry options are C entry options.

In each case, you must use your *Cambridge Guide to Making Entries* to check exactly which entry option to select. You can find some examples of entry options for staged assessment in section 6.

Which AS Level marks can be carried forward?

Our systems look for valid combinations of AS Level marks from the previous series to carry forward. All of the AS Level marks must have been achieved in the same previous series. The marks fall into two categories, either of which can be carried forward:

- AS Level marks taken as a standalone AS Level qualification, e.g. Paper 12 and Paper 22 making up AS Level option SY in a previous series.
- AS Level marks taken as part of a linear A Level or best of both entry option, e.g. Paper 12 and Paper 22 taken in the same previous series as Paper 32 and Paper 42 to make up linear A Level option AY.

! If a candidate has AS Level marks from more than one previous series, you need to decide which set of marks is best and enter the candidate for the entry option which carries forward the best set of marks. How to do this is explained below. It is your responsibility to decide which previous set of AS Level marks is best.

Which set of AS Level marks is best?

You need to consider the AS Level grades and marks the candidate has achieved in all the previous series from which carry forward is allowed. If the grades are different, you should select the entry option which carries forward the AS Level marks from the series where the highest AS Level grade was achieved. If you are in a country where we provide percentage uniform marks (PUMs), you should select the entry option which carries forward the AS Level marks from the series where the highest AS Level PUM was achieved.

Where the AS Level grades are the same and you are in a country where we do not provide PUMs you need to determine which previous result represents the best performance yourself. To do this you need to look at how proportionately close the total AS Level mark is to the grade thresholds above and below the grade awarded. To do this, look at the published grade thresholds for the relevant AS Level option and series on our website: www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-advanced/cambridge-international-as-and-a-levels/grade-threshold-tables

It is the relative position compared to the grade thresholds which is most important, **not** the total number of AS Level marks achieved. If the AS Level exams were very difficult in a given series, and grade

thresholds were therefore lower than usual, a lower total AS Level mark could represent a better result.

Example

A candidate wants to complete their A Level in the June series using a staged entry option which carries forward their AS Level marks. They have AS Level marks from the previous June series and the previous November series.

- Previous June series AS Level: Grade **b**, 55 marks. The grade thresholds were 53 marks for Grade **b** and 61 marks for Grade **a**.
- Previous November series AS Level: Grade **b**, 52 marks. The grade thresholds were 48 marks for Grade **b** and 54 marks for Grade **a**.

The June series AS Level mark is higher (55 marks) than the November series AS Level mark (52 marks). However, the June series AS Level mark is only just above the **b** grade threshold (it is a 'low grade **b**¹'), whereas the November series AS Level mark is very close to the **a** grade threshold (it is a 'high grade **b**²'). The candidate should therefore be entered for the 'November carry forward' entry option and carry forward their AS Level marks from the November series.

1 The marks are 25 per cent of a grade above the **b** grade threshold (grade bandwidth 8 marks).

2 The marks are 67 per cent of a grade above the **b** grade threshold (grade bandwidth 6 marks).

A compensatory AS Level can be carried forward if it has been achieved in a syllabus which allows staged assessment and if all the rules for carry forward (see section 2) have been met.

This means, for example, that a compensatory AS Level achieved in AS & A Level Economics (9708) can be carried forward to complete A Level in a future series. This is because this syllabus allows staged assessment.

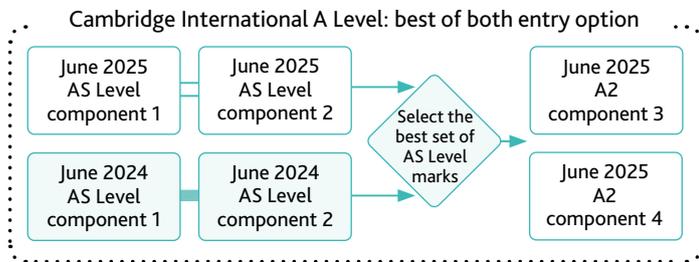
However, a compensatory AS Level achieved in AS & A Level Chinese (9715) cannot be carried forward because this syllabus does not allow staged assessment. The compensatory AS Level is awarded against the A Level syllabus code (9715) and not against the AS Level syllabus code (Chinese Language, 8681) because the original entry was made at A Level.

4.4 Best of both assessment

A best of both entry option gives candidates an opportunity to improve their AS Level marks, with the safety net of their previous AS Level marks contributing towards their A Level result if they underperform at AS Level in the current series. Candidates take the full A Level

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(both AS and A2 components) in the current series **and** have already taken AS Level in a previous series. A typical example is shown in the diagram below for a candidate taking the full A Level in the June 2025 series who also has AS Level marks from the June 2024 series.



We consider the AS Level marks from the current series, and all previous sets of AS Level marks which meet our carry-forward rules in section 2, to determine the best A Level result for the candidate. You do not need to tell us which previous set(s) of AS Level marks to consider.

You can find some examples of entry options for best of both assessment in section 6.

NEW When you make a best of both entry, you will see components listed corresponding to all possible previous sets of AS Level marks which meet our carry-forward rules, e.g. 88, 98. These will be listed under 'Candidates take components' in the *Cambridge Guide to Making Entries*. Candidates need to have previous AS Level marks corresponding to at least one of the listed components.

5. Cambridge International A Level syllabuses which include coursework components

5.1 Overview

Some Cambridge International AS & A Level syllabuses include a coursework component. There are two different pathways for carrying forward the marks from the coursework component in these syllabuses to a future series:

Pathway 1. Carrying forward **only** the Cambridge International AS Level coursework component.

Pathway 2. Carrying forward a Cambridge International AS Level which includes a coursework component.

We have summarised the two pathways in the table shown top right. There is more detailed information later in this section.

For Cambridge International AS & A Level syllabuses which have coursework components at AS Level and A2 there is additional information in section 5.3.2.

For A Level syllabuses which include a coursework component, you should check carefully if changes are made to the syllabus. You should check whether carry

forward of the individual coursework component and/or the whole AS Level is allowed between the old version of the syllabus and the new version of the syllabus.

Carry-forward pathway	Summary
1. Carrying forward only the Cambridge International AS Level coursework component (see section 5.3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only the coursework component marks are carried forward. No marks from any non-coursework components are carried forward. The candidate must take all non-coursework components of the syllabus in the current series.
2. Carrying forward a Cambridge International AS Level which includes a coursework component (see section 5.4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The AS Level consists of a coursework component and at least one further component. The marks from all AS Level components are carried forward as a complete AS Level. The marks from all of the AS Level components must come from the same previous series. The candidate must take all the A2 components of the syllabus in the current series.

5.2 Determining if a coursework component can be carried forward

You should always use your *Cambridge Guide to Making Entries* – this will tell you whether a syllabus has a coursework component that can be carried forward. An example is shown below (the red circles show how a coursework mark can be carried forward).

Component code and title		Duration	Weighting	
			AS Level	A Level
12	Written paper 12	2h30m	70%	35%
02	AS Level Coursework	–	30%	15%
32	Written paper 32	2h30m	–	35%
04	A Level Coursework	–	–	15%
82	June AS Coursework Mark (02) Carried Forward	–	30%	15%
88	June AS Mark (12, 02) Carried Forward	–	–	50%
92	November AS Coursework Mark (02) Carried Forward	–	30%	15%
98	November AS Mark (12, 02) Carried Forward	–	–	50%

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Sometimes, the component has a name other than coursework, for example 'project' or 'practical'. Your *Cambridge Guide to Making Entries* will show whether the component can be carried forward. An example is shown below (the red circles show how the Team Project can be carried forward).

Component code and title		Duration	Weighting	
			AS Level	A Level
11	Written paper 11	1h 30m	36%	18%
02	Essay	–	32%	16%
03	Team Project	–	32%	16%
04	Research Report	–	–	50%
38	June Team Project Mark (03) Carried Forward	–	32%	16%
39	November Team Project Mark (03) Carried Forward	–	32%	16%
87	June AS Mark (11, 02, 03) Carried Forward	–	–	50%
97	November AS Mark (11, 02, 03) Carried Forward	–	–	50%

5.3 Pathway 1: Carrying forward only the AS Level coursework component

Cambridge International AS Level coursework marks can be carried forward to complete an AS Level or an A Level. This is only allowed if **all** of the other non-coursework components of the AS Level or A Level are taken in the current series.

The coursework must be carried forward from a previous series within 13 months. If a candidate has coursework marks from more than one previous series within 13 months, we will select the best coursework marks available for the candidate. Examples of how this works at AS Level are given in section 5.3.1 and examples of how this works at A Level are given in section 5.3.2.

5.3.1 Cambridge International AS Level

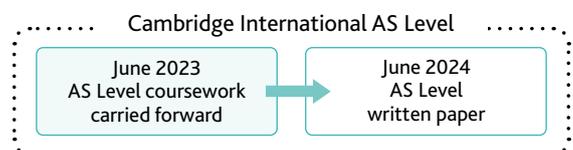
Usually at AS Level, a candidate takes all of the AS Level components in the same series, as shown in the table below. This AS Level is known as a **same series** AS Level. In this case, there are no components carried forward.

Exam series	Components taken	Outcome
June 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cambridge International AS Level coursework Cambridge International AS Level written paper 	Candidate takes all the AS Level components in the June 2024 series and completes their AS Level.
November 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cambridge International AS Level coursework Cambridge International AS Level written paper 	Candidate takes all the AS Level components in the November 2024 series and completes their AS Level.

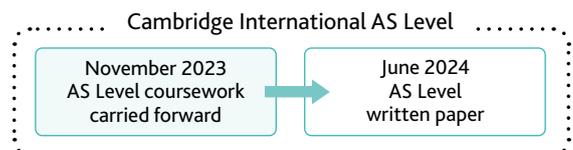
It is also possible for a coursework component to be carried forward from a previous series, as long as all of the other non-coursework AS Level components are taken in the current series. In other words, the AS Level can be composed of components from more than one series: this AS Level is known as a **mixed series** AS Level.

Examples of a mixed series AS Level – carrying forward AS Level coursework to complete an AS Level

A candidate is entered in the June 2024 series and carries forward their AS Level coursework mark from June 2023 to complete their AS Level:



A candidate is entered in the June 2024 series and carries forward their AS Level coursework mark from November 2023 to complete their AS Level:



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5.3.2 Cambridge International A Level

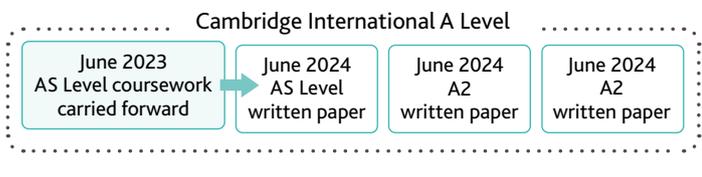
In a linear A Level, a candidate takes all the AS and A2 components of the A Level in the same series, as shown in the table below. In this case, there are no components carried forward.

Exam series	Components taken	Outcome
June 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cambridge International AS Level coursework Cambridge International AS Level written paper Two Cambridge International A2 written papers 	Candidate takes all the AS and A2 components in the June 2024 series and completes their A Level.

It is also possible for a coursework component to be carried forward from a previous series, as long as all of the other non-coursework AS and A2 components are taken in the current series.

Example of carrying forward AS Level coursework to complete an A Level

A candidate is entered in the June 2024 series and carries forward their AS Level coursework mark from June 2023. They take all the remaining AS and A2 non-coursework components in June 2024 to complete their A Level:



For Cambridge International AS & A Level Design & Technology (9705) and AS & A Level Media Studies (9607) there are coursework components at both AS and A2.

The AS Level coursework component can be carried forward on its own, as above, or both the AS Level and A2 coursework components can be carried forward to complete the A Level, as long as the candidate takes all of the remaining non-coursework components in the current series.

There are no entry options which allow the A2 coursework to be separately carried forward. If both the AS and A2 coursework marks are carried forward, they do not have to come from the same series.

Examples of carrying forward AS and A2 coursework to complete an A Level

A candidate is entered in the June 2024 series and carries forward their AS **and** their A2 coursework marks from June 2023. They take all the remaining AS and A2 non-coursework components in the June 2024 series to complete their A Level:



A candidate is entered in the June 2024 series and carries forward their AS coursework mark from June 2023 **and** their A2 coursework mark from November 2023. They take all the remaining AS and A2 non-coursework components in the June 2024 series to complete their A Level:



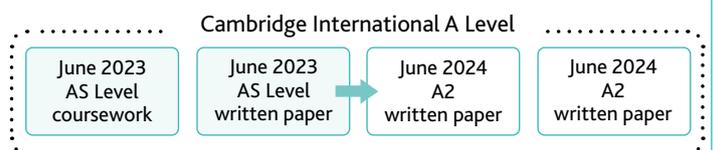
5.4 Pathway 2: Carrying forward an AS Level which includes a coursework component

5.4.1 Carrying forward a 'same series' AS Level is permitted

A same series AS Level can be carried forward as normal using a **staged** (see section 4.3) or **best of both** (see section 4.4) entry option. This means it can be carried forward to a future series within 13 months of the original series to complete the A Level.

Examples

A candidate is entered in the June 2024 series. They carry forward their AS Level from June 2023 to complete their A Level in June 2024:



A candidate is entered in the November 2024 series. They carry forward their AS Level from June 2024 to complete their A Level in November 2024:



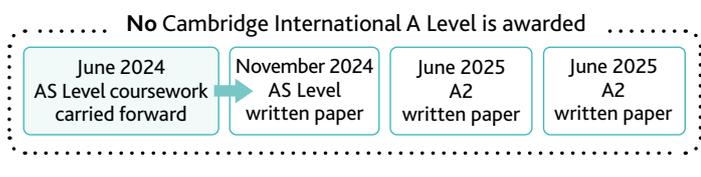
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! 5.4.2 Carrying forward a 'mixed series' AS Level is not permitted

A **mixed** series AS Level **cannot** be carried forward. This is to make sure our carry-forward rules (see section 2) are applied consistently, so all candidates are treated fairly.

Example

A candidate has carried forward their AS Level coursework from June 2024 to complete their AS Level in November 2024. This AS Level **cannot** be carried forward from November 2024 because carrying forward a mixed series AS Level is not permitted:

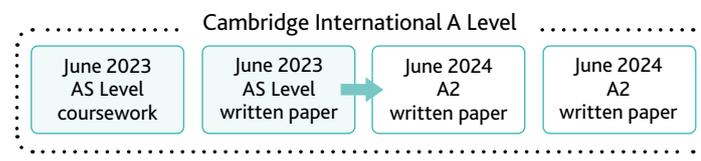


5.4.3 Entry options for candidates with mixed series AS Levels

It is still possible for a candidate with a mixed series AS Level to complete their A Level. The candidate should follow one of the approaches described below because a mixed series AS Level cannot be carried forward.

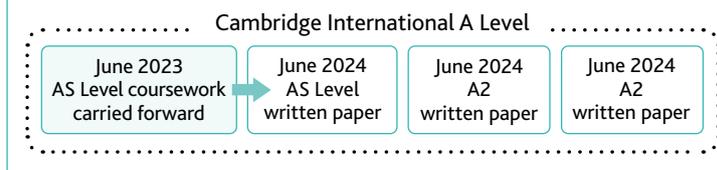
1. Carry forward the complete same series AS Level from the series when the AS Level was originally taken. Take the A2 components in the current series.

Example: A candidate is entered in the June 2024 series. They carry forward their same series AS Level from June 2023. They take all the remaining A2 components in June 2024 to complete their A Level. They do not carry forward the mixed series AS Level they achieved in November 2023:



2. Carry forward only the AS Level coursework from the series when the coursework was originally submitted. Take all the remaining AS and A2 components in the current series.

Example: A candidate is entered in the June 2024 series. They carry forward their AS coursework mark from June 2023. They take all the remaining AS and A2 components in June 2024 to complete their A Level. They do not carry forward the mixed series AS Level they achieved in November 2023:



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6. Examples of Cambridge International A Level entry options

The examples below may not relate to your administrative zone. You must refer to your *Cambridge Guide to Making Entries* for your zone for the relevant entry options.

Example 1: Cambridge International AS & A Level Economics (9708)

A candidate is entered for syllabus 9708 in June 2024 and has previous Cambridge International AS Level results for this syllabus from the June 2023 and November 2023 series. How their A Level grade is determined depends on the option code selected.

Economics (9708)

Option code	Candidates take components	Available to private candidates?
AZ	13, 23, 33, 43	Yes
BZ	33, 43, 89	Yes
CZ	33, 43, 99	Yes
DZ	13, 23, 33, 43, 89, 99	Yes
SZ	13, 23 (AS Level)	Yes

Component code and title		Duration	Weighting	
			AS Level	A Level
13	AS Level Multiple Choice 13	1h	33%	17%
23	AS Level Data Response & Essays 23	2h	67%	33%
33	A Level Multiple Choice 33	1h 15m	–	17%
43	A Level Data Response & Essays 43	–	–	33%
89	June AS Mark (13, 23) Carried Forward	–	–	50%
99	November AS Mark (13, 23) Carried Forward	–	–	50%

Option code	Explanation
AZ	<p>Linear assessment</p> <p>The candidate takes the full A Level (both AS and A2 components – 13, 23, 33, 43) in June 2024 and no previous results are considered.</p>
BZ	<p>Staged assessment (June carry forward)</p> <p>The candidate takes the A2 components in June 2024 (33, 43) and carries forward their AS Level marks for component 13 and component 23 from the June 2023 series.</p> <p>The AS Level marks are carried forward using component code 89.</p>
CZ	<p>Staged assessment (November carry forward)</p> <p>The candidate takes the A2 components in June 2024 (33, 43) and carries forward their AS Level marks for component 13 and component 23 from the November 2023 series.</p> <p>The AS Level marks are carried forward using component code 99.</p>
DZ	<p>Best of both assessment</p> <p>The candidate takes the full A Level (both AS and A2 components – 13, 23, 33, 43) in June 2024.</p> <p>Their AS Level marks for component 13 and component 23 from the June 2023 series are considered (as component 89).</p> <p>Their AS Level marks for component 13 and component 23 from the November 2023 series are considered (as component 99).</p> <p>The set of AS Level marks which gives the best A Level result for the candidate is used.</p> <p>NEW The candidate must have AS Level marks from at least June 2023 (component 89) or November 2023 (component 99). They are not required to have AS Level marks from both previous series.</p>
SZ	<p>AS Level assessment</p> <p>The candidate takes the AS Level components only (13, 23) and receives an AS Level result.</p>

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Example 2: Cambridge International AS & A Level Chemistry (9701)

A candidate is entered for syllabus 9701 in June 2024 and has previous Cambridge International AS Level results for this syllabus from the June 2023 and November 2023 series. How their A Level grade is determined depends on the option code selected.

Chemistry (9701)

Option code	Candidates take components	Available to private candidates?
AY	12, 22, 33, 42, 52	Yes
BY	42, 52, 85, 88	Yes
CY	42, 52, 95, 98	Yes
DY	12, 22, 33, 42, 52, 85, 88, 95, 98	Yes
HY	12, 22, 34, 42, 52	Yes
IY	12, 22, 34, 42, 52, 85, 88, 95, 98	Yes
S3	12, 22, 33 (AS Level)	Yes
S4	12, 22, 34 (AS Level)	Yes

Component code and title		Duration	Weighting	
			AS Level	A Level
12	Multiple Choice 12	1h 15m	31%	15.5%
22	AS Level Structured Questions 22	1h 15m	46%	23%
33	Advanced Practical Skills 33	2h	23%	11.5%
34	Advanced Practical Skills 34	2h	23%	11.5%
42	A Level Structured Questions 42	2h	–	38.5%
52	Planning, Analysis & Evaluation 52	1h 15m	–	11.5%
85	June AS Mark (12,22,33) Carried Forward	–	–	50%
88	June AS Mark (12,22,34) Carried Forward	–	–	50%
95	November AS Mark (12,22,33) Carried Forward	–	–	50%
98	November AS Mark (12,22,34) Carried Forward	–	–	50%

Option code	Explanation
AY or HY	<p>Linear assessment</p> <p>The candidate takes the full A Level (both AS and A2 components) in June 2024 and no previous results are considered.</p> <p>There are two different option codes depending on which AS Level practical component, 33 or 34, the candidate takes (AY – 12, 22, 33, 42, 52 or HY – 12, 22, 34, 42, 52).</p>
BY	<p>Staged assessment (June carry forward)</p> <p>The candidate takes the A2 components in June 2024 and carries forward their AS Level marks for component 12, component 22 and either component 33 or 34. This depends on which AS Level practical component the candidate took in the June 2023 series.</p> <p>The AS Level marks are carried forward using component code 85 (to carry forward practical component 33) or component code 88 (to carry forward practical component 34).</p>
CY	<p>Staged assessment (November carry forward)</p> <p>The candidate takes the A2 components in June 2024 and carries forward their AS Level marks for component 12, component 22 and either component 33 or 34. This depends on which AS Level practical component the candidate took in the November 2023 series.</p> <p>The AS Level marks are carried forward using component code 95 (to carry forward practical component 33) or component code 98 (to carry forward practical component 34).</p>
DY or IY	<p>Best of both assessment</p> <p>The candidate takes the full A Level (both AS and A2 components) in June 2024. There are two different option codes depending on which AS Level practical component, 33 or 34, the candidate takes in the June 2024 series (DY – 12, 22, 33, 42, 52 or IY – 12, 22, 34, 42, 52).</p> <p>Their AS Level marks for component 12, component 22 and either component 33 or 34 from the June 2023 series are considered (as component 85 and 88 respectively).</p> <p>Their AS Level marks for component 12, component 22 and either component 33 or 34 from the November 2023 series are considered (as component 95 and 98 respectively).</p> <p>The set of AS Level marks which gives the best A Level result for the candidate is used.</p> <p>NEW The candidate must have AS Level marks from at least June 2023 (component 85 or 88) or November 2023 (component 95 or 98). They are not required to have AS Level marks from both previous series.</p>
S3 or S4	<p>AS Level assessment</p> <p>The candidate takes the AS Level components only and receives an AS Level result. There are two different option codes depending on which AS Level practical component, 33 or 34, the candidate takes in the June 2024 series (S3 – 12, 22, 33 or S4 – 12, 22, 34).</p>

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Example 3: Cambridge International AS & A Level Mathematics (9709)

A candidate is entered for syllabus 9709 in June 2024 and has previous Cambridge International AS Level results for this syllabus from the June 2023 and November 2023 series. How their A Level grade is determined depends on the option code selected.

Mathematics (9709)

Option code	Candidates take components	Available to private candidates?
AX	11, 31, 41, 51	Yes
CX	11, 31, 51, 61	Yes
DX	31, 51, 84	Yes
EX	31, 41, 87	Yes
GX	31, 61, 87	Yes
HX	31, 51, 94	Yes
IX	31, 41, 97	Yes
KX	31, 61, 97	Yes
LX	11, 31, 41, 51, 84, 87, 94, 97	Yes
NX	11, 31, 51, 61, 87, 97	Yes
S1	11, 21 (AS Level)	Yes
S2	11, 41 (AS Level)	Yes
S3	11, 51 (AS Level)	Yes

Component code and title		Duration	Weighting	
			AS Level	A Level
11	Pure Mathematics 1 (11)	1h 50m	60%	30%
21	Pure Mathematics 2 (21)	1h 15m	40%	–
31	Pure Mathematics 3 (31)	1h 50m	–	30%
41	Mechanics (41)	1h 15m	40%	20%
51	Probability & Statistics 1 (51)	1h 15m	40%	20%
61	Probability & Statistics 2 (61)	1h 15m	–	20%
84	June Mechanics AS Mark (11, 41) Carried Forward	–	–	50%
87	June Statistics AS Mark (11, 51) Carried Forward	–	–	50%
94	November Mechanics AS Mark (11, 41) Carried Forward	–	–	50%
97	November Statistics AS Mark (11, 51) Carried Forward	–	–	50%

Option code	Explanation
AX	Linear assessment (Mechanics route) The candidate takes the full A Level (both AS and A2 components – 11, 31, 41, 51) in June 2024 and no previous results are considered.
CX	Linear assessment (Statistics only route) The candidate takes the full A Level (both AS and A2 components – 11, 31, 51, 61) in June 2024 and no previous results are considered.
DX, EX or GX	Staged assessment (June carry forward) The candidate takes the A2 components in June 2024 and carries forward their AS Level marks from the June 2023 series. The complete A Level must include a valid combination of AS and A2 components. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For option DX the AS Level marks for components 11 and 41 are combined with the A2 components 31 and 51. The AS Level marks are carried forward using component code 84. For option EX the AS Level marks for components 11 and 51 are combined with the A2 components 31 and 41. The AS Level marks are carried forward using component code 87. For option GX the AS Level marks for components 11 and 51 are combined with the A2 components 31 and 61. The AS Level marks are carried forward using component code 87.

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Entry option code	Explanation
HX, IX or KX	<p>Staged route (November carry forward)</p> <p>The candidate takes the A2 components in June 2024 and carries forward their AS Level marks for the relevant components from the November 2023 series. The complete A Level must include a valid combination of AS and A2 components.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For option HX the AS Level marks for components 11 and 41 are combined with the A2 components 31 and 51. The AS Level marks are carried forward using component code 94. • For option IX the AS Level marks for components 11 and 51 are combined with the A2 components 31 and 41. The AS Level marks are carried forward using component code 97. • For option KX the AS Level marks for components 11 and 51 are combined with the A2 components 31 and 61. The AS Level marks are carried forward using component code 97.
LX	<p>Best of both assessment (Mechanics route)</p> <p>The candidate takes the full A Level (both AS and A2 components – 11, 31, 41, 51) in June 2024. Their AS Level marks for component 11 and component 41 from the June 2023 series are considered (as component 84).</p> <p>Their AS Level marks for component 11 and component 51 from the June 2023 series are considered (as component 87).</p> <p>Their AS Level marks for component 11 and component 41 from the November 2023 series are considered (as component 94).</p> <p>Their AS Level marks for component 11 and component 51 from the November 2023 series are considered (as component 97).</p> <p>The set of AS Level marks is used which gives the best A Level result. The complete A Level must include a valid combination of AS and A2 components.</p> <p>NEW The candidate must have AS Level marks from at least June 2023 (component 84 or 87) or November 2023 (component 94 or 97). They are not required to have AS Level marks from both previous series.</p>

Entry option code	Explanation
NX	<p>Best of both assessment (Statistics only route)</p> <p>The candidate takes the full A Level (both AS and A2 components – 11, 31, 51, 61) in June 2024. Their AS Level marks for component 11 and component 51 from the June 2023 series are considered (as component 87).</p> <p>Their AS Level marks for component 11 and component 51 from the November 2023 series are considered (as component 97).</p> <p>The set of AS Level marks which gives the best A Level result for the candidate is used.</p> <p>NEW The candidate must have AS Level marks from at least June 2023 (component 87) or November 2023 (component 97). They are not required to have AS Level marks from both previous series.</p>
S1, S2 or S3	<p>AS Level assessment</p> <p>The candidate takes the AS Level components only and receives an AS Level result. There are three different option codes depending on which route through AS Level the candidate takes in the June 2024 series (Pure – 11, 21; Mechanics – 11, 41; or Statistics – 11, 51).</p>

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7. Common carry-forward misunderstandings

Some of the more common areas of misunderstanding of our carry-forward rules are described below. These do not cover all possible areas – you should read this supplement carefully to make sure you understand our carry-forward rules and how they will affect your candidates.

Misunderstanding

My candidate did AS Level in June 2023. They completed their A Level in June 2024 but did not do very well. They can re-sit in November 2024 and carry forward their AS Level from June 2023.

Correct information

This is **not** possible. Carrying forward from June 2023 to November 2024 breaks the 13-month rule. The candidate must re-sit all components of the A Level in November 2024.

My candidate took AS Level Travel & Tourism in June 2023. They re-sat the theory paper and carried forward their coursework marks to improve their AS Level grade in the November 2023 series. They will enter A Level in June 2024 and carry forward their November 2023 AS Level marks.

This is **not** possible. Carrying forward a 'mixed series' AS Level is not allowed. In June 2024, the candidate can either carry forward their 'same series' AS Level from June 2023 or carry forward only the June 2023 coursework marks and take all other components of the syllabus in June 2024.

My candidate took AS Level Computer Science in November 2021 (syllabus code 9608). They wanted to carry forward the AS Level and complete A Level Computer Science in November 2022 (syllabus code 9618).

This was **not** possible. Although the syllabus name was the same in 2021 and 2022 – Computer Science – the syllabus code changed from 9608 to 9618. Carrying forward from one syllabus code to a different syllabus code is not allowed.

My candidate has AS Level Chemistry results from June 2023 and November 2023. When I enter the candidate for staged assessment in June 2024, the best AS Level marks will be carried forward.

This will **not necessarily happen**. If you enter the 'June carry forward' entry option, the June 2023 AS Level marks will be carried forward; if you enter the 'November carry forward' entry option, the November 2023 AS Level marks will be carried forward. We will not select the better set of marks for you.

My candidate took AS Level German Language (8683) in June 2023. They want to complete A Level German in June 2024 by carrying forward their AS Level marks.

This is not possible. There are separate syllabus codes for AS Level German Language (8683) and A Level German (9717). Carrying forward from one syllabus code to a different syllabus code is not allowed.

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