

Level 3 Criminology: New Specification

(for teaching from September 2015)

FAQs

1. How is this specification different to the old, QCF one?

The new specification has a few key differences which are summarised below:

- *There are 4 units rather than 5*
- *There are 2 externally assessed units (examinations) and 2 internally assessed units*
- *The specification is graded A* - E rather than Pass/Merit/Distinction*
- *It is only available as a Certificate and Diploma, there is no Award available on the new specification*

2. When can I start teaching this new specification?

The specification is available for teaching from September 2015. It is worth noting that the first assessment and certification opportunity is 2017 rather than 2016, therefore if your candidates follow a one year course, they should continue on the existing specification for one year. From 2017, certification is available annually. Final certification on the existing specification will be 2017.

3. When is the first examination?

As the first assessment is 2017, the first opportunity to sit an externally assessed unit (examination) will be in the summer series of 2017.

4. Do you have any sample assessment materials (SAMs)?

Yes, these can be found on the subject page of the WJEC website. These are designed to give you an idea of how the new examination paper will look and the type of questions to expect. There are also sample mark schemes for each examined unit. There are a number of synoptic questions within each unit and these are highlighted in the mark scheme.

Please note that any examples (e.g.) listed in the specification can be directly assessed. Please contact the Subject Officer if you have further queries in relation to this.

5. Can we use the same model assignments for the internally assessed units?

Model assignments are available on the [secure website](#) for each internally assessed unit. If you decide to change or amend the model assignment in any way we need to approve this. We will then keep a bank of alternative assignments on file and as the course progresses there will be a number of approved assignments available for each internally assessed unit.

At the bottom of these frequently asked questions, we have provided information on how locate useful documents on the WJEC secure website.

6. Can the candidates sit an internally assessed unit(s) in 2016?

Yes, if you want your candidates to sit an internally assessed unit(s) (in their first year of a two year course) you can mark this work and keep it securely until the work is externally moderated by WJEC in the summer of 2017.

7. Is there a January entry for the new specification?

No. There are no January assessment opportunities for either the internally or externally assessed units on the new specification.

8. Does the new specification have UCAS points?

Yes, Level 3 Criminology has been awarded UCAS points and can be found on the UCAS website.

The new Tariff tables display both versions of the WJEC Criminology qualifications:
<https://www.ucas.com/advisers/guides-and-resources/tariff-2017>

Furthermore, the updated Tariff tables have been uploaded to the learners', advisers' and providers' areas on ucas.com and whilst the providers' area is password protected, providers have been informed of the update in the weekly UCAS bulletin.

9. Where can I find resources?

We have resources and exemplar material available on the [WJEC secure website](#), including the sample assessment material for the controlled assignment units, and the CPD pack from previous events. Useful documents can be found on the Level 3 Criminology page of the website, some of these can also be found within the related documents tab:

[Specification](#)

[Sample Assessment Materials](#) for the unit 2 exam.

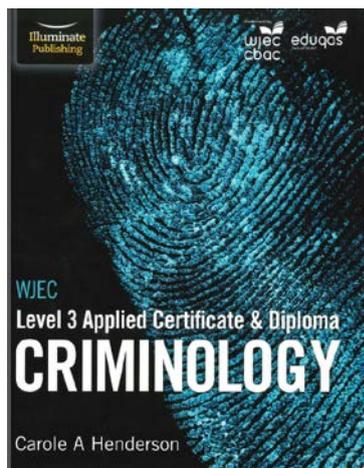
[Sample Assessment Materials](#) for the unit 4 exam.

[Teacher Guidance](#)

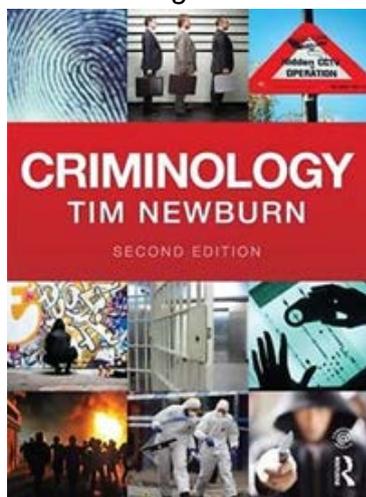
[FAQ document](#)

10. Is there a textbook for this qualification?

There is a textbook endorsed by WJEC, which has recently been published, an image of the front cover is shown below. This textbook covers every unit of the qualification. We highly recommended this book for every centre.



Furthermore, the book that we recommend is the textbook that we recommended for the old Criminology QCF qualification. This was 'Criminology, by Tim Newburn (Willan Publishing)' image below. This book is still very useful for the new specification as there is a large amount of cross-over.



11. Can I use my Criminology QCF teaching materials?

Yes, you will notice that the content has not been vastly changed; the majority of the content has been moved between units to allow for the creation of a 4 units rather than 5. If you have any resources that you are prepared to share with other centres then please forward them to us.

12. Can we use the Criminology QCF electronic resources?

Yes. For some units, these will need some minor amendments to ensure that they fit the new unit structure; however, they can still be used in their current format.

13. Are there any CPD events next year?

CPD events take place every year during autumn. The CPD dates can be found on the WJEC website, within the [CPD section](#). The materials from previous CPD events are all available to download on the [secure website](#).

14. How can I become an examiner or moderator?

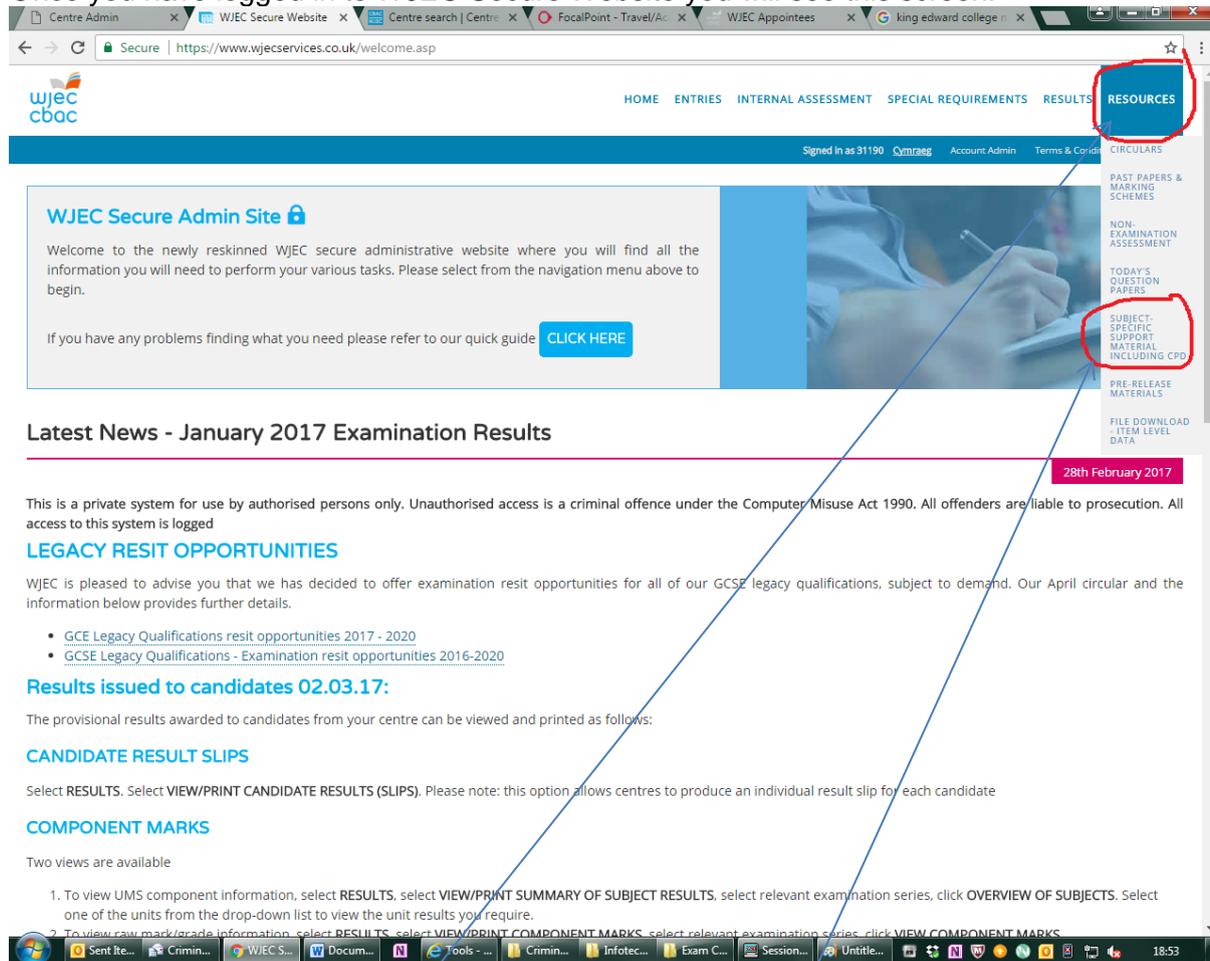
We will be recruiting new examiners and moderators for the 2017 series and would very much welcome your application. You can submit your details via the new appointees system on the [WJEC website](#).

15. What about funding?

Unfortunately, the new qualification will not be accepted for the 16-18 Performance tables in England for 2017. We advise all centres to check with the relevant funding agency to ensure funding can be accessed.

Continue reading for assistance in navigating the WJEC Secure Website.

Once you have logged in to WJEC Secure Website you will see this screen.



Hover your cursor over the resources tab and click in to 'Subject Specific Material Including CPD'

If you do not have the same features on your secure website after logging in as you see in the screenshot, then this may be because your exams officer hasn't given you full access to the secure site. The exams officer can arrange this by simply ticking a box when they log in.

By clicking on 'Subject Specific Material Including CPD', you'll get to this screen where you'll need to use the drop down menus to search for the qualification. Only select Criminology and Level 3, leave the other fields as 'all'

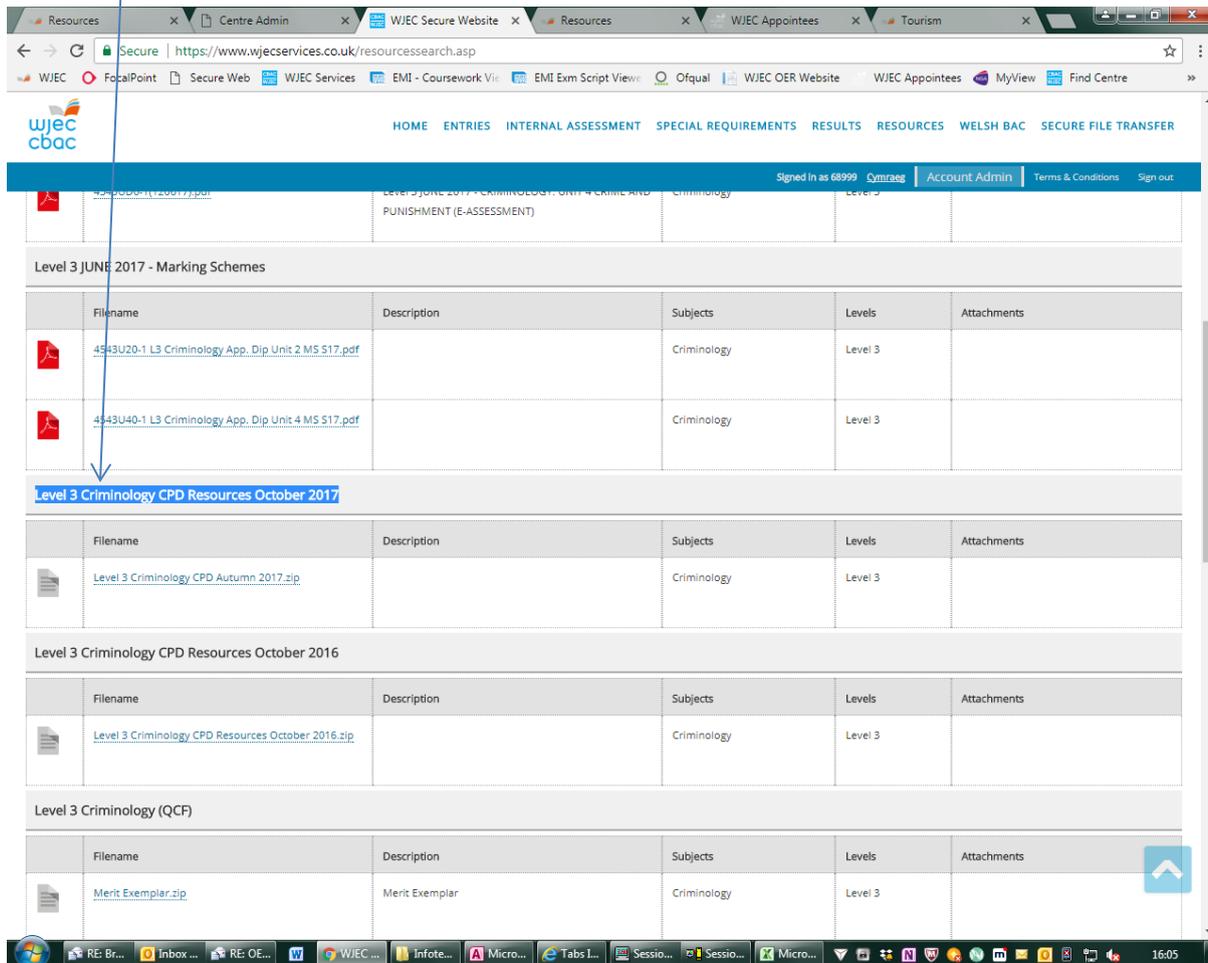
The screenshot shows the WJEC resource search interface. The search filters for Subject (Criminology) and Level (Level 3) are circled in red. A search result for 'Level 3 Criminology CPD Resources October 2016' is also circled in red. A blue arrow points from the text above to this result. The Windows taskbar is visible at the bottom.

Filename	Description	Subjects	Levels	Attachments
Level 3 Criminology CPD Resources October 2016.zip		Criminology	Level 3	

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Merit Exemplar.zip	Merit Exemplar	Criminology	Level 3	
Pass exemplar.zip	Pass exemplar	Criminology	Level 3	
Criminology QCF Additional Resources.zip	Criminology QCF Additional Resources	Criminology	Level 3	

This zip file contains resources from the 2016 CPD event which focused on the certificate units (units 1 and 2).

The 2017 CPD file is also available to download this has further materials for unit 1 and 2 but also includes materials for the Diploma units, 3 & 4. Ignore the other resources as they are for the old Criminology QCF qualification which finished in summer 2017. However they materials have to remain there for 12 months after the qualification end date. Some of the materials can be used for the new specification.



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the WJEC Services website. The URL is <https://www.wjecservices.co.uk/resourcessearch.asp>. The page is titled "Level 3 Criminology CPD Resources October 2017" and contains a table of resources. A blue arrow points from the text above to the "Level 3 Criminology CPD Resources October 2017" section.

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Level 3 JUNE 2017 - Marking Schemes				
4943U20-1 L3 Criminology App. Dip Unit 2 MS S17.pdf		Criminology	Level 3	
4943U40-1 L3 Criminology App. Dip Unit 4 MS S17.pdf		Criminology	Level 3	
Level 3 Criminology CPD Resources October 2017				
Level 3 Criminology CPD Autumn 2017.zip		Criminology	Level 3	
Level 3 Criminology CPD Resources October 2016				
Level 3 Criminology CPD Resources October 2016.zip		Criminology	Level 3	
Level 3 Criminology (QCF)				
Merit Exemplar.zip	Merit Exemplar	Criminology	Level 3	

Level 3 Criminology (New 2015)

Filename	Description	Subjects	Levels	Attachments
 Learner Sample Sheet.pdf		Criminology	Level 3	
 Mark Record Sheet.pdf		Criminology	Level 3	
 SAMs.zip		Criminology	Level 3	
 Supporting Material (New Spec from 2015).zip		Criminology	Level 3	
 Unit Report.pdf		Criminology	Level 3	
 Unit 1 Controlled Assignments.zip		Criminology	Level 3	
 Unit 3 Controlled Assignments.zip		Criminology	Level 3	

NEW SEARCH

If you scroll down past the CPD file then you'll come to this section, titled 'Level 3 Criminology (New 2015)'. The assignment briefs can be located in the zip files named 'Unit 1 Controlled Assignments' and 'Unit 3 Controlled Assignments'.