

WJEC Level 1/2 Retail Business

Newsletter – September 2022

We hope that you had a relaxing break over the Summer period and that you and your students are feeling prepared for the new school year ahead. We have some general and subject-specific updates and information that you may need, or find useful, as you begin this new term.

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1. Latest news

New specification

The new Level 1/2 Vocational Award in Retail Business specification is available for centres to start teaching in September 2022. The first NEA submission will be in Summer 2023 and will be online submission once again. First award will take place in 2024.

The briefs will be available on the secure site in September each year. These briefs will change each year.

It is confirmed that the new specification is on the performance tables for 2024.

The textbook for the new specification is anticipated to be available to purchase in September 2022.

Legacy specification

For centres completing the legacy specification, please note that the final award will be in Summer 2023. There will be an opportunity for resits only in January 2024 for the external unit.

For the final NEA submission in 2023, candidates must complete the JJ's scenario for unit 3.

2. Professional Learning 2022/23

During the 2022/23 academic year, our Professional Learning programme will include a mixture of online and face-to-face events.

[Details of these events and the option to book can be found in this link.](#)

3. Resources

A wide range of resources are available to support Level 1/2 Retail Business. Access these free digital resources on the [Digital Resources website](#) to support the delivery of our Retail Business qualification. Content of this site includes:

[Exam Walk Through \(legacy specification\):](#) Aimed at learners, this Exam Walk Through resource offers practical hints and tips on how to effectively approach questions in the examination paper. Using questions from past exam papers, the PPT with audio help and audio script in the notes will walk candidates through a mock examination paper, helping them revise and practise useful exam techniques.

[Unit Notes and Activities](#) (These were produced for the legacy specification, but many also apply to the new specification): Comprehensive resources to support teachers in the delivery of the Retail Business qualification.

[Preparing to Teach webinar:](#) View this online Professional Learning webinar relating to the new specification.

Training material from previous CPD events can be accessed on our [secure site](#).

4. Key Dates

Examination dates and other key dates for the upcoming academic year are available in the timetable which can be found in the following link:

[Key Dates & Timetables \(wjec.co.uk\)](https://www.wjec.co.uk/key-dates-timetables)

5. Principal Examiners' reports

The latest Summer 2022 Principal Examiners' Reports for the legacy specification are now available on our [subject page](#). We recommend you read these carefully as they offer helpful observations and commentary on candidates performance this series that could help future learners moving forward.

6. Key documents

There is a wide range of material available on the [Key Documents page](#) (**legacy specification**). [Key documents page](#) (**new specification**). This includes the specification, sample assessment material, guidance for teaching, amongst other material.

7. Past papers and mark schemes

The Summer 2022 paper and mark scheme for the legacy specification are now available to centres on the [secure site](#). These will only be available on the secure site until 1st March of the following year in line with our [publication policy](#). From the 1st March they will then be made available on the [public website](#), along with papers and mark schemes for previous years.

8. Facebook group

We have a [Facebook page](#) for teachers delivering WJEC or WJEC Eduqas Business (GCSE & GCE). The group is monitored by Stephen Oliver, WJEC Business and Economics subject officer. On this page, teachers are encouraged to share resources, advice and subject-related news to help fellow group members. Please note, content uploaded is not endorsed by WJEC and is the responsibility of the group member. Search on Facebook for WJEC and WJEC Eduqas Business Teacher Network.

9. Becoming an examiner

As an examiner you will gain an invaluable insight into the assessment process at WJEC, enhance your skill set and also, increase the understanding of your subject. All of which can enhance your teaching. If you are interested in becoming an examiner, find out more information in the following link: <http://www.wjec.co.uk/appointees/>.