

## NOTICE TO CENTRES

FAO: Exams Officer; Head of Science; Teacher in charge of Entry Level Science

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Subject: Entry Level Science

### ENTRY LEVEL SCIENCE – SPECIFICATIONS R482 AND R591

OCR's Entry Level Science specification, R482, has been revised and the new specification is awaiting Ofqual accreditation. The new specification has the code R591; a draft version will be published on the OCR website ([www.ocr.org.uk](http://www.ocr.org.uk)) by the end of January 2011. The revised specification has a very similar format to the current specification, but we have updated the content and simplified the scheme of assessment in response to teacher feedback.

**If your students are starting a one-year Entry Level Science course in September 2011**, for certification in June 2012, you should follow the current (legacy) R482 specification and use the blue End of Item tests identified: 'Starting September 2010'. Paper copies of these tests may be ordered in the usual way (order form at the back of the specification) or downloaded from OCR's secure extranet, Interchange.

The last date for certification for the current (legacy) R482 specification is June 2012.

**If your students are starting an Entry Level Science course in September 2011 that will run over two or more years**, for certification in June 2013 onwards, you should follow the new R591 specification – subject to its accreditation by Ofqual. The End of Item tests for the new specification will be available **only** from our secure extranet, Interchange. All OCR's registered centres should have access to Interchange (please check with your Centre Administrator – usually the Exams Officer – who will be able to provide login details). Alternative arrangements will be made for teachers using the course who are not in registered centres.

The first date for certification for the new R591 specification is June 2013.

**If your students are currently working towards certification in 2013, on courses of more than two years, please contact us for advice.**

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