

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Cambridge International AS & A Level Psychology (9698/9990)

Communicating changes with Cambridge International AS & A Level Psychology

The Cambridge International AS & A Level Psychology (9698) syllabus has been updated for first examination in 2018. The syllabus code is 9990.

The table below shows the availability of the syllabuses:

Syllabus code	Papers	Jun 17	Nov 17	Jun 18	Nov 18	Jun 19	Nov 19	Jun 20	Nov 20
OLD – 9698	AS	✓	✓	✓	✓				
	AL	✓	✓	✓	✓				
NEW – 9990	AS			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	AL			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

I will be teaching this subject in September 2016, which syllabus should I be teaching from?

If your candidates are taking the linear route for A Level examination in 2018, then they would take both AS & A Level 9990 in 2018. (A staged route for 9990 will not be available in 2018.)

I have candidates who will be taking the AS Level examination in 2017, which syllabus should they be entered for?

Candidates taking the AS Level examination in 2017 should take 9698. (9990 is available for examination from 2018, not before.)

If these candidates then go on to take the A Level in 2018, which syllabus should they be entered for?

Candidates taking the A Level examination in 2018 after having taken the AS Level examination in 2017 should take 9698.

Can candidates take the AS Level in one syllabus in 2017 and the A Level in 2018 in the new syllabus?

No, candidates may not do this. They must complete both the AS and A Level components from the same syllabus, either 9698 or 9990.

If any of my candidates need to re-sit in 2018, which syllabus should they be entered for?

Candidates who are re-sitting in 2018 should re-sit under the same syllabus code.

If any of my candidates need to re-sit in 2019, which syllabus should they be entered for?

Candidates who re-sit in 2019 will need to take 9990, not 9698.

9698 is available for examination up to and including 2018, but not thereafter. Therefore if you wish your candidates to have the opportunity of a re-sit in 2019, then they must be entered for 9990.