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UPDATE NOTICE

IGCSE First Language English 0500/0522

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Please note the following changes (from paragraph 3 onwards):

For First Language English there are two syllabuses, **0500** (IGCSE) and **0522** (Cambridge International Level 1/Level 2 Certificate).

Syllabus **0500** (Cambridge IGCSE) has optional Speaking and Listening components which do not contribute to the overall grade candidates receive. Instead the certificate records performance in Speaking and Listening as an endorsement (Grade 1–5) on the certificate.

Syllabus **0522** includes compulsory Speaking and Listening which contribute to the overall grade candidates receive.

0522 appears on the Register of Regulated Qualifications in England, Wales and Northern Ireland as a Cambridge International Level 1/Level 2 Certificate. This is the official title for all Cambridge IGCSEs approved by Ofqual.

0522 is also available in administrative Zone 3. Schools outside Zone 3 should contact Cambridge if they wish to enter candidates for syllabus 0522 instead of syllabus 0500. If you are uncertain about whether you are in this zone, please refer to **Timetabling exams at www.cie.org.uk/ profiles/exams officers/guide/preparation/timetabling exams/adminzones/index html**

Specific components on 0500 and 0522 are available to private candidates. Private candidates can opt for either Paper 1 or Paper 2 and must opt for Paper 3. For 0522, private candidates must also opt for Component 05.

Only the **0522** syllabus counts towards school performance tables in England.

To access the latest information regarding performance tables Centres should consult the Department for Education website www.education.gov.uk