

## Entering WJEC Short Course (Cash-in 3125QT, QN C00/1167/4) and Full Course (Cash-in 3120QS or 3121QS QN C00/1167/3) GCSE Religious Studies

As outlined in the WJEC GCSE Religious Studies specification, candidates may take Unit 1:

- and cash-in for the short course qualification
- before Unit 2 or Unit 3 and cash-in for a full GCSE qualification at the end of the course
- in the same series as Unit 2 or Unit 3 and cash-in for a full GCSE qualification.

## Where candidates have cashed-in Unit 1 for the short course award, the outcome from Unit 1 <u>cannot contribute to a full course award</u>.

It is important to note that candidates:

- **are permitted** to cash-in a full course and a short-course in the same series **if they have completed sufficient units to allow both cash- ins for the same series.** For example, they may have sat Unit 1 in year 10 and then go on to sit Unit 1 again, along with Unit 2 or Unit 3 in year 11.
- **are not permitted** to enter more than one option for Unit 1 in the same series (note all options are timetabled for the same examination slot).

For candidates 'cashing-in' a short course and a full course qualification **in the same series**, **in order to satisfy terminal requirements**, WJEC will process the **short course cash-in first** (i.e. the mark they achieve for the Unit 1 in that series will be used in the calculation of the short course grade regardless of whether it is higher or lower than the mark achieved for a previous Unit 1). This may therefore have a detrimental effect upon the overall full course grade.

Please note that centres will **not be permitted** to remove any cash-in **once results have been issued**. If a centre wishes to remove any candidate's cash-in, an amendment file must **be submitted in the normal way prior to August 1**<sup>st</sup> of the year of the cash in.