

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Cambridge IGCSE Business Studies (0450)

The syllabus has been revised for exams in 2015. What are the main changes?

- Coursework is no longer available as an entry option. All candidates will take Paper 1 and Paper 2 only.
- The papers will each contain four questions (not five).
- Duration of each paper is reduced to 1 hour 30 minutes.
- There is some updating of knowledge content – see the 2015 syllabus.

How can I get in touch with other teachers of Business Studies?

We have an online discussion forum, which you may find useful. By being a member of the group teachers can share ideas, resources and ask subject-related questions which will be seen by examiners and other teachers who have registered on the group. For example, a teacher could ask how everyone is approaching a particular topic, what books they might recommend or simply find out who else is teaching their subject.

You can join the discussion group on Teacher Support: <http://teachers.cie.org.uk>.

Are there any textbooks written specifically for the IGCSE Business Studies syllabus?

- IGCSE Business Studies by Karen Borrington and Peter Stimpson, 4th Edition, Hodder Education, ISBN: 9781444176582
- Business Studies for IGCSE by R. Dransfield, D. Needham, L. Garrett and J. King, Nelson Thornes, ISBN: 9781408506479
- Heinemann IGCSE Business Studies (with student CD) by R. Jones, Heinemann, ISBN: 9780435991203
- Cambridge IGCSE Business Studies (with CD) by C. Nuttall and M. Houghton, 2nd Edition, Cambridge University Press, ISBN: 9780521122108
- Complete Business Studies for Cambridge IGCSE and O Level by Brian Titley, 1st Edition, Oxford University Press, ISBN: 9780198310860

What support materials are available?

- Syllabus
- Standards Booklet (this contains real student answers, marks awarded and comments of a senior examiner)
- Past question papers and mark schemes
- Scheme of work
- Principal Examiner Reports to Teachers
- Distance Training Pack for accreditation of teachers to assess coursework (last session for coursework assessment is November 2014).

They can be obtained from Cambridge Publications or Teacher Support.