



# **Politics: Understanding the next steps for session 2016–17**

Early in 2016, each subject area was reviewed and the results published in individual [Subject Review Reports](#) in May. Some actions applied immediately for candidates in session 2016–17, other actions were for later years.

This Guidance note explains the impact on assessment for candidates being presented in session 2016–17 and must be read in conjunction with the Subject Review Report as the principal guide to arrangements for this year.

(Previously published subject documents affected by the subject changes will be amended in due course. There may be a period of misalignment.)

# Session 2016–17

## Unit assessment

For session 2016–17, a threshold approach will apply to the judgement of Assessment Standards. If a candidate successfully meets the requirements of the specified number of Assessment Standards they will be judged to have passed the Unit overall and no further **re-assessment** will be required.

The specific requirements for the Units will be as follows:

**Political Parties and Elections:** The Unit is made up of two Outcomes with five Assessment Standards in total. For re-assessment purposes, two out of the three Assessment Standards are required for Outcome 2 and both Assessment Standards in Outcome 1 are required.

**Party Political Systems:** The Unit is made up of two Outcomes with five Assessment Standards in total. For re-assessment purposes, one of the two Assessment Standards is required for Outcome 2 and all Assessment Standards in Outcome 1 are required.

**Political Theory:** The Unit is made up of two Outcomes with five Assessment Standards in total. For re-assessment purposes, one of the two Assessment Standards is required for Outcome 2 and all Assessment Standards in Outcome 1 are required.

It should be noted that there will still be the requirement for candidates to be given the opportunity to meet all Assessment Standards. The above threshold has been put in place to reduce the volume of re-assessment, where that is required.

## **Course assessment**

- ◆ We will review and revise, where appropriate, the Coursework Assessment Task and Marking Instructions following diet 2016, for implementation in 2016–17.

Following the reviews, any revised documentation will be published in September 2016.