

International Certificate of Education (ICE)

What is Cambridge ICE?

The Cambridge ICE certificate is a group award designed for schools that want to offer a broad curriculum. More prestigious than the standard IGCSE or Ebacc, candidates enter and sit for a minimum of seven subjects selected from the five IGCSE curriculum areas. Subjects offered for 2015 -2016 at the British Academy in these categories are below:

Group 1 - Languages

English Language
Spanish
French

Group 2 - Humanities

English Literature
Geography
History
Sociology

Group 3 - Sciences

Biology
Chemistry
Environmental Management
Physics

Group 4 – Mathematics

Mathematics
Additional Mathematics

Group 5 – Creative and Vocational

Art & Design
Business
ICT
Accounting
Computer Science

Cambridge ICE is awarded to candidates who pass in at least seven Cambridge IGCSE subjects, including two from Group 1 and one from each of Groups 2 to 5. The seventh subject may be chosen from any of the syllabus groups.

To qualify for an ICE certificate, a student must obtain at least grade G(g) in each of seven subjects. These must include two subjects from Group I (Languages) and at least one subject from each of Groups II (Humanities), III (Sciences), IV (Mathematics) and V (Creative, Technical and Vocational).

ICE certificates show the level achieved in the ICE group award:

- **DISTINCTION** is awarded if a student obtains grade A(a) or above in five subjects and grade C(c) or above in two further subjects;
- **MERIT** is awarded if a student obtains grade C(c) or above in five subjects and grade F(f) or above in two further subjects;
- **PASS** is awarded if a student obtains grade G(g) or above in seven subjects.

The Cambridge ICE certificate will only show the level of award obtained, and will not list the individual subjects contributing to the award.

An IGCSE certificate will be awarded to failing ICE students who obtain a minimum of at least one grade G(g) in a syllabus.

FAQs

1. To qualify for the Cambridge ICE certificate, must candidates take all their subjects in one session?

No. Candidates can qualify for Cambridge ICE over two series provided they take place during a period of 13 months, i.e. June to November, June to June, November to June, or November to November.

Students who achieve ICE in one series will receive an ICE Statement of Results and two separate IGCSE and ICE Certificates.

Two series ICE students will receive a certificate for the individual subjects taken at the end of the first series and two separate IGCSE and ICE certificates at the end of the second series.

2. My school has applied for me to be considered as a candidate for Cambridge ICE over two sittings. The first sitting has taken place and I didn't do as well as I'd hoped in one of my subjects. Can I retake it in the second sitting?

Yes, you can, but it is the result you achieved at the first sitting that will be counted towards your Cambridge ICE certificate. The result you achieve at the second sitting will be reported to you on a separate subject certificate.

3. If I take more than the minimum of seven subjects required to qualify for ICE, how will my Cambridge ICE grade be calculated?

As long as you fulfill the entry requirements for Cambridge ICE (passes in seven subjects, covering the five IGCSE subject groups and including two different languages), your seven best results, irrespective of subject or group, will be used to calculate your Cambridge ICE grade.

4. Is it necessary to submit entries in order to be awarded the Cambridge ICE certificate?

Yes. A School must make a separate entry for the Cambridge ICE Award for

each candidate who fulfils the Cambridge ICE entry criteria.

To enter a candidate for the Cambridge ICE Award, a School must make an entry by means of the Cambridge ICE entry code in addition to the syllabus and option codes for the examinations the candidate takes.

Failure to include Cambridge ICE in the candidate entry will result in only IGCSE certificates being issued without the Cambridge ICE certificate.

5. Why should I access the ICE Diploma?

The International Certificate of Education (ICE) is offered by Cambridge as a response to systems of education more accustomed to awards that evaluate students across a group of subjects. Very popular in the USA and South America, it was designed to offer solid support for students wishing to move on to AS and A Levels, International Baccalaureate Diploma Programmes or further studies in the USA or Canada.

Candidates with an ICE diploma can demonstrate competence and flexibility across a wide range of subjects and skills.

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