

# COVID-19 Update from Pearson qualifications

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In response to the recent COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak, we would like to reassure the global higher education community that we are monitoring the situation extremely closely. We understand the impact this situation is having, and our thoughts are with everyone affected.

The UK Government has announced that UK schools will close this week and that exams will not be held in May and June 2020. Given the challenging circumstances we all currently face, Pearson accepts this decision.

Our focus is now on supporting learners globally to achieve the qualifications they need to progress to the next stage of their lives. We are working around the clock with the UK Department for Education, Ofqual and the other awarding bodies to understand the detail of this decision and will share information with our learners, schools and university stakeholders as soon as we can.

This is an unprecedented situation and we understand that it could cause uncertainty and worry for all, but please bear with us. We will update you as soon as we have more information to share – visit the Pearson website for the latest news as it's available, and see the support we have available for schools.

The most up-to-date guidance can be found at [quals.pearson.com/covid-19](https://quals.pearson.com/covid-19).

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