

### **Two Sitting Rule**

The two sitting rule applies to the subjects that you will be submitting for exemption, not all IGCSEs.

***A student will submit 4 subjects at AS Level PLUS 1 subject at IGCSE for exemption, so only these subjects that a student will be submitting will need to be within the two sitting rule.***

For the two sitting rule for complete exemption from USAf, exams written in the same year are counted as one sitting. The two sittings would need to cover any subject submitted for exemption, so it would incorporate both IGCSE and AS-Level. Exams are available in May/June and October/November.

***Once you start your IGCSE exams you will need to complete the IGCSE exams in one year and the AS levels the next year to qualify for university exemption. (\*Afrikaans is the exception.)***

\*Where a subject is only examined in either the Oct/Nov or the May/June session, the following or preceding Oct/Nov or May/June session will be regarded as the same sitting, e.g. Afrikaans Language is not offered by Cambridge in the June session and Portuguese Language, Turkish, German etc. are not offered in the October/November session.

### **What if I fail an IGCSE subject:**

Exam sittings in the same calendar year are counted as one sitting, so if a student fails in November and then rewrites the next year, it would be a problem in terms of exam sittings.

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### **How does a student get an exemption to university?**

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## Explanation of the Two-Sitting Rule

The Two-Sitting Rule for USAf exemption purposes in terms of Cambridge qualifications applies to exemptions by means of Cambridge International AS Levels, Cambridge AICE Diploma and Cambridge IGCSE.

Candidates qualifying for the above exemptions for Bachelor Degree purposes need to meet the minimum requirements in two examination sittings. Examinations taken within a twelve (12) month period are regarded as one sitting ie June and the previous/following November; November and the previous/following June; and June and November.

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Once you pass A Level subjects, the two-sitting rule no longer applies.

## Minimum requirement for complete (full) exemption in terms of the two-sitting rule examples:

Candidate 1			Candidate 2		
Series	Qualification	Grade	Series	Qualification	Grade
October/ November 2010	IGCSE English Language	C	May/June 2010	IGCSE English Language	C
	IGCSE Mathematics	C		IGCSE Mathematics	C
	IGCSE Biology	C		IGCSE Biology	C
	IGCSE Geography	C		IGCSE Geography	C
	IGCSE Afrikaans	C	October/ November 2010	IGCSE Afrikaans	C
May/June 2012	AS English Language	D	May/June 2012	AS English Language	D
	AS Mathematics	D		AS Mathematics	D
October/ November 2012	AS Geography	D	October/ November 2012	AS Geography	D
	AS Biology	D		AS Biology	D

Candidate 3			Candidate 4		
Series	Qualification	Grade	Series	Qualification	Grade
October/ November 2009	IGCSE Afrikaans	C	October/ November 2010	IGCSE English Language	C
May/June 2010	IGCSE English Language	C		IGCSE Mathematics	C
	IGCSE Mathematics	C		IGCSE Biology	C
	IGCSE Biology	C		IGCSE Geography	C
	IGCSE Geography	C	May/June 2011	IGCSE Portuguese Language	C
May/June 2011	AS English Language	D	May/June 2012	AS Mathematics	D
	AS Mathematics	D		AS Geography	D
	AS Geography	D	October/ November 2012	AS English Language	D
October/ November 2011	AS Biology	D		AS Biology	D

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