

Pearson Edexcel GCSE (9–1) Geography

Your switching
support guide



Before we get started...

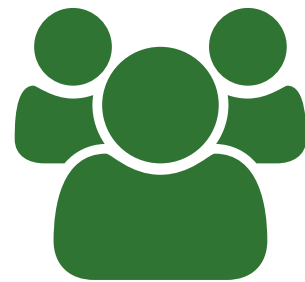
We know that choosing a new awarding body is a big decision. We've worked with many teachers making the move to us and are here to make it as easy as possible.

We've created a range of specific switching support to save you time, give you confidence and help you from the moment you start delivering the qualification, through to results day and beyond.



This switching support guide brings together the information you've told us you need in one handy place, along with clear guidance about where to go next with further questions.

Simply choose the step that's right for you...



Discover the support >

We're here to support you every step of the way with unparalleled free and paid-for resources.



Explore the course >

Here are the essential things to know about the course if you're thinking of switching to us.



Get in touch >

If you like what you see, feel free to get in touch directly about how the course could work for you and your students.



Our Specifications

We offer two specifications for our GCSE (9-1) Geography qualification allowing you to **choose the best suited approach** for you and your students. Our qualification options are:

Geography A:

Geographical themes and challenges

This specification takes a **thematic approach**, with content organised by physical and human environments. It also enables students to explore the people-environment challenges we face in the UK.



Geography B:

Investigating geographical issues

This specification offers an **issues-based approach**, with content organised by UK and global geography. It also includes a decision-making paper, which allows students to investigate people-environment issues on a global scale.



Get started straight away



Discover the support

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We have everything you need to save you time and help you hit the ground running.

- Getting Started Guides for **Spec A** and **Spec B**
- Free New to **Edexcel training** events
- **2 and 3 year** course planners

All of our support is tailored to the Specification you choose.

Unbeatable support and resources





Unbeatable support and resources

- We're here to make sure you have everything you need to feel confident in delivering our qualifications.
- Free access to a 1-year sample license of **ActiveLearn**. Including access to a chapter from a student book, teacher worksheets, lesson plans, end of topic tests with mark schemes and much more.
- Detailed and **editable schemes of work** for every topic in both specifications.
- **Published topic booklets** for every topic in both specifications with practical guidance on delivering the content.
- Free **local network events** providing a mix of CPD and an opportunity to get together with teachers in your area.
- Support from the Pearson Geography team to make sure you have everything you need to get started.

Our assessments





Clear, straightforward and engaging assessments

We know that you don't want any surprises on exam day so we are committed to working together so you and your students know what to expect.

- Clear and simple instructional text, so students can understand what they are being asked to do.
- Gradual ramping of demand throughout sections.
- **Command words** will be used consistently to assess particular skills and across mark tariffs to make it clear the type of response that is required.
- Our level-based mark schemes used to assess the 8-mark and 12-mark extended-response questions are explicit about the type of response and skills required.

Assessment guidance





Clear, straightforward and engaging assessments

- Our mark schemes are designed in a similar way at AS and A level too, so students can see how to progress in their geography studies across the Key Stages.
- Our specifications include a range of **popular fieldwork tasks**, with parameters for collecting data, helping your students prepare for the exam.
- The synoptic questions in both specifications will draw on prescribed content, so you can be confident your students are prepared.

Post-results support







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Post-results support

As a Pearson Edexcel centre you'll have access to our free post-results support services which include:

-  - our free online results analysis tool that gives you a detailed breakdown of your students' performance in the exams.
- 
Access to Scripts - our free online service allowing you to view your students' marked exam papers online or download as a PDF
- Exemplar answers with Examiner feedback

Expert subject advice



Expert subject advice from our dedicated Geography team

Our experts on are on hand to answer any questions you may have about the course and how it could work for you and your students.

Give us a call

 **0333 016 4060**

Stay updated

Follow our subject advisor, Victoria Fowell, on Twitter

 **@Edexcel_Geog**

You can sign up for Victoria's regular **Geography news** and **updates**



Unparalleled support

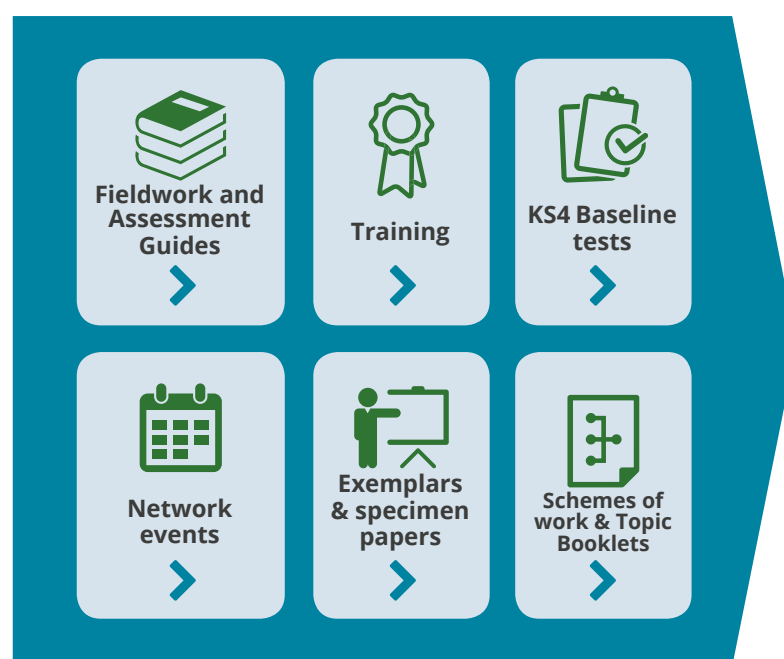


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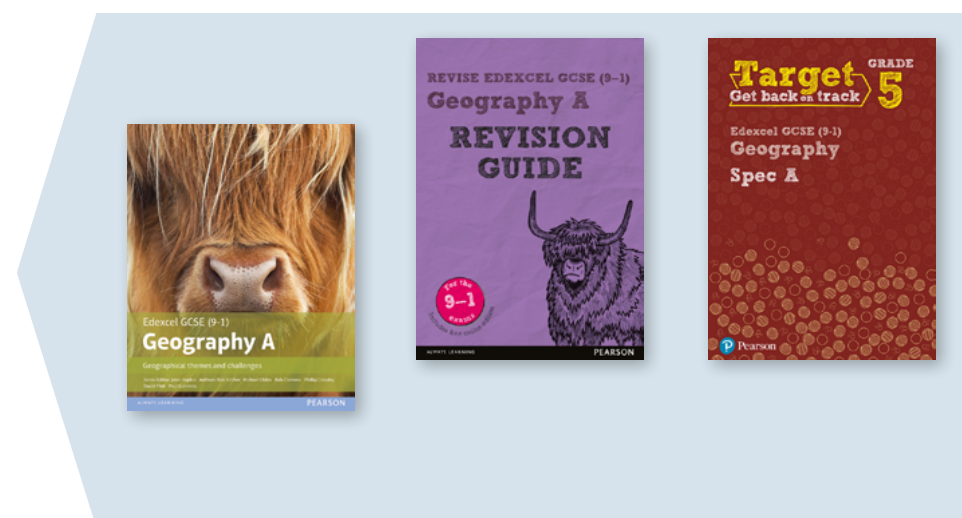
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Free support



Pearson published resources



Specification B



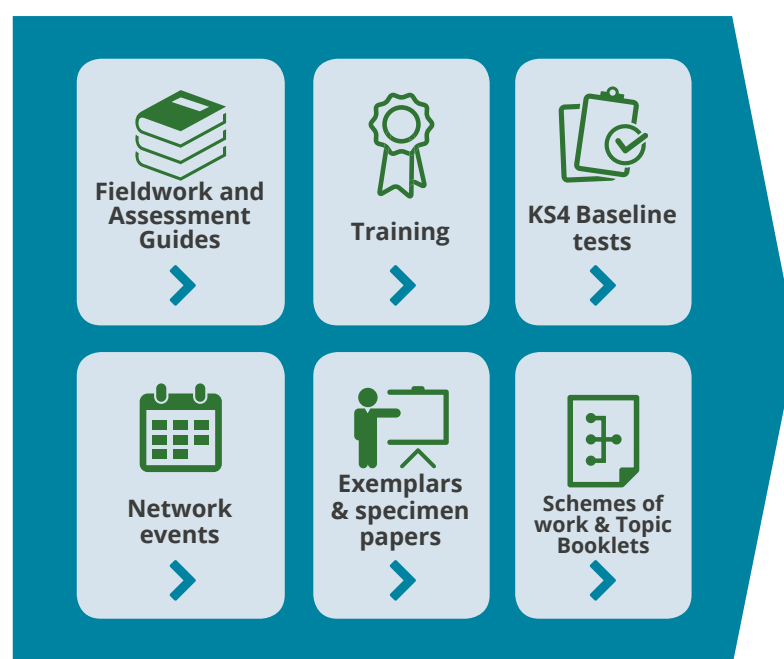


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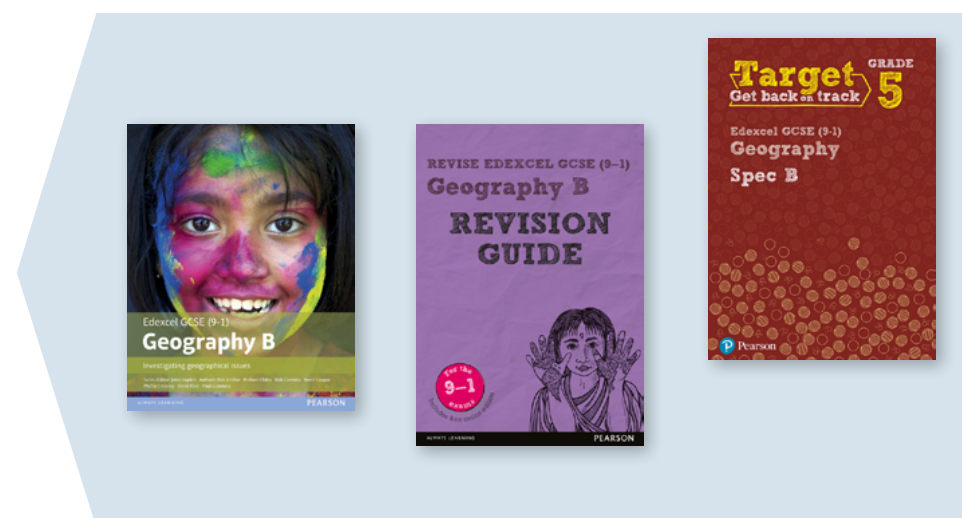
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Free support



Pearson published resources



Help with resourcing





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We're here to help make sure that cost isn't a barrier to you making the move, so [get in touch >](#) to discuss the offers and packages open to you.



Bitesize

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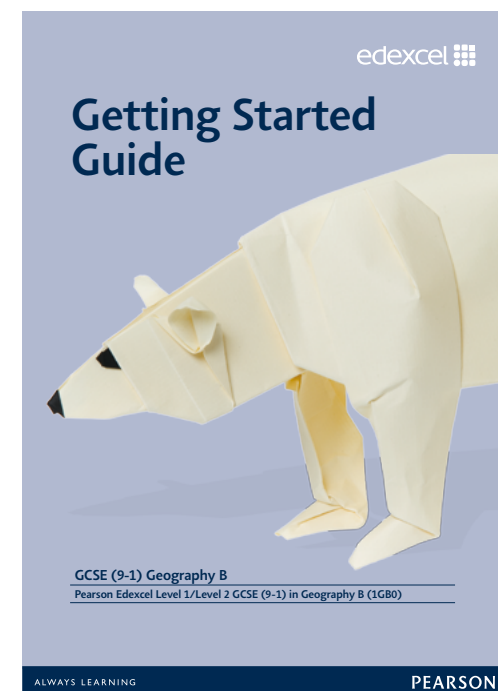
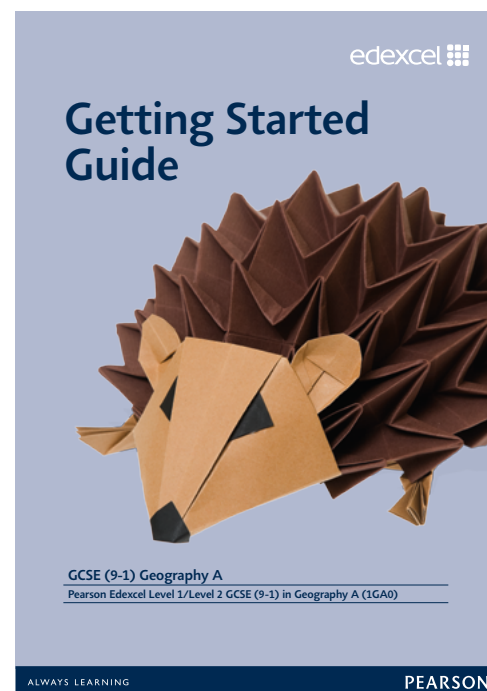
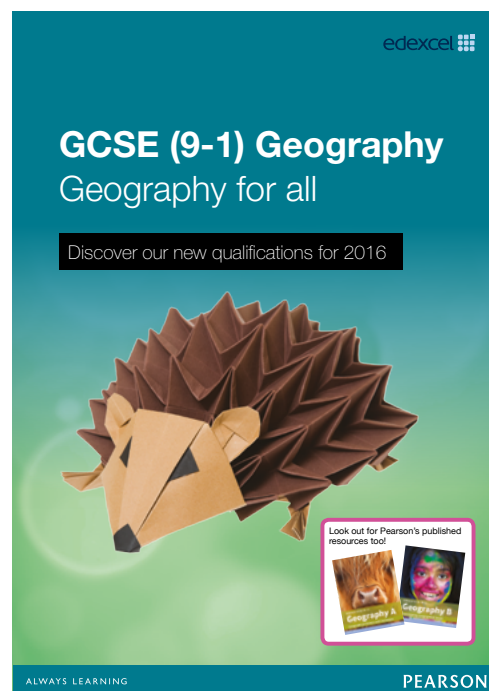
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Course essentials

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Get to know the course at a glance

Our 'spec at a glance' gives you a quick overview of our specification and its requirements:



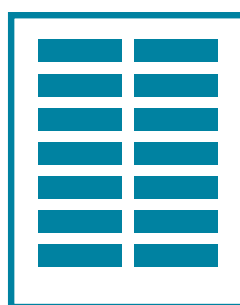
Mapping documents



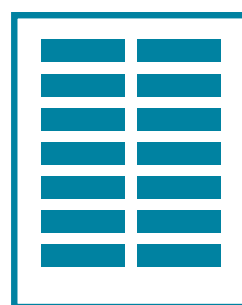
Mapping documents

Transitioning from your current exam board

We've created mapping grids and detailed planning documents, to help ease the transition from your existing exam board for both Specification A and Specification B.



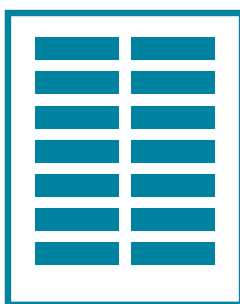
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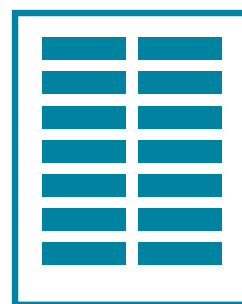
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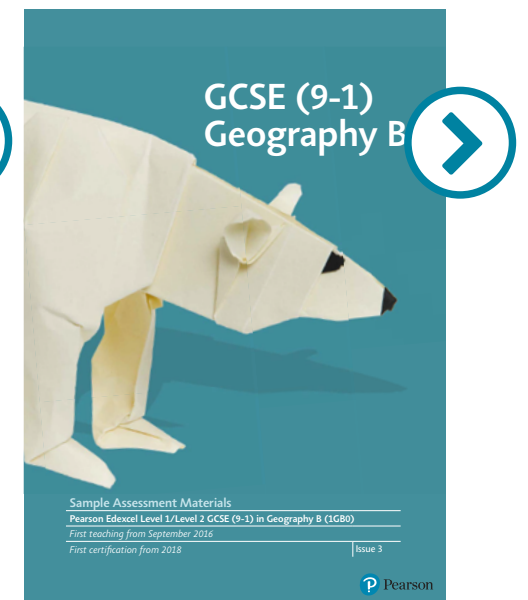
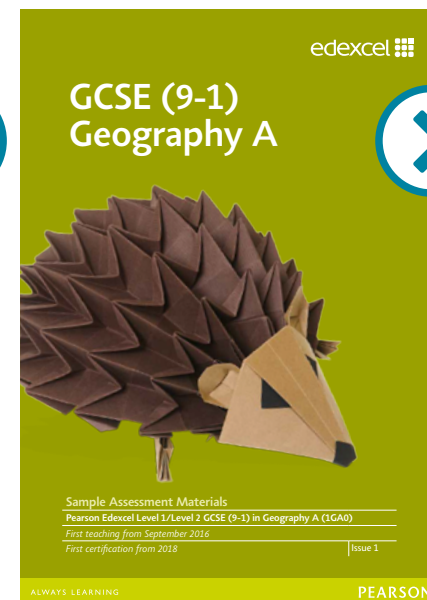
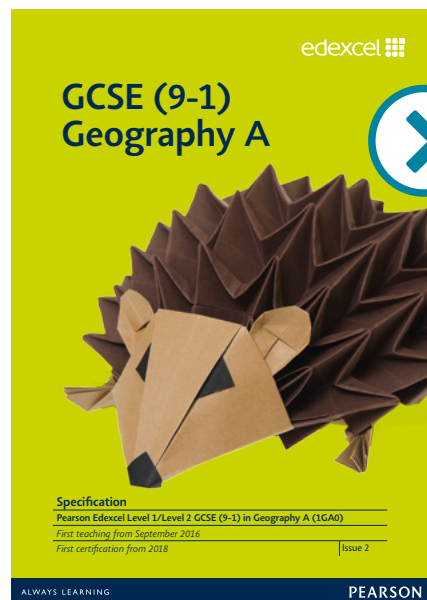
Specifications and sample exam papers



Specifications and SAMs

Delve deeper into the detail

Digital copies of our full specifications and sample assessment materials, so you can analyse these documents in detail:



Specifications

Sample Assessment Materials

Prefer printed copies?

Prefer printed copies?

If you like, we can send you printed copies of the specifications.

Order your free copies through our

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- GCSE (9-1) Geography A specification 9781446932063
- GCSE (9-1) Geography B specification 9781446931677

[What next?](#)



What next?

If you like what you've seen so far, please register your interest here. We'll then be in touch via email to ensure you have everything you need to make your switching decision.

[register your interest here >](#)

However, if you've seen enough already and definitely want to make the transition to Pearson Edexcel qualifications, then

[let us know >](#) so we can make sure you can get your hands on to the full range of support our centres enjoy.

Thank you



If there's anything else we can do to help you
in making your decision to switch to Pearson,
please don't hesitate to let us know.

Many thanks,
The Pearson Edexcel Geography Qualifications Team

