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Dear Cambridge ESOL Centre Exams Managers,

The provision of Supplementary Grade Information to public state schools on request in Switzerland was introduced in 1996 as information about candidates' scores were not publically available then. Candidates in their final year (M-Profile / E-Profile / B-Profile) at the vocational schools were provided with subdivisions of their Cambridge ESOL band. For example, candidates who received a B in FCE were awarded Supplementary Information of B+ or B. This allowed schools to integrate their candidates' Cambridge ESOL performance with their school leaving certificate in English.

In 2009 Cambridge ESOL introduced standardised scores out of 100 for its examinations. This provides information about exactly how a candidate performed and is available to candidates and their teachers. It has set values for each grade, allowing comparison across sessions of the exam. Following the introduction of the standardised scores by Cambridge the EBMK decided to create its own conversion tables, which are based on the standardised score information provided for each candidate. The new conversion tables can be found in an annexe to the Aide-mémoire IV (<http://www.bbt.admin.ch/themen/grundbildung/00131/00570/index.html>). We understand that some schools have also created their own conversion tables and submitted them for approval.

As the schools are in a position to convert the Cambridge ESOL scores into Swiss Grades the service of Supplementary Grade Information is now discontinued for exams taking place from 1 January 2012. We are of course happy to support schools should any questions with regards to the Cambridge ESOL bands and standardised scores arise. Please contact your authorised Cambridge ESOL Examinations Centre and they will reply to your questions or will contact us

Best wishes,

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