# **AQA** GCSE Computer Science 8525

## Specification changes for exams in 2027

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| 96 | You don't need to know that the CPU architecture is known as the Von Neumann architecture. |
| 104 | Optical devices, CDs, DVDs or Blu-ray disks are no longer  requirement of the specification. |
| 105 | The first section on optical discs is no longer required. You can also ignore the Optical column in the table. |
| 110 | You don't need to know star or bus LAN topologies or the following protocols: Ethernet, Wi-Fi, UDP, FTP or UDP. |
| 113 | The Ethernet and Wi-Fi protocols are no longer on the specification. However, you still need to know about wired and wireless networks. |
| 115–116 | You don't need to know about network topologies, the star topology or bus topology. However, you still need to know about PANs, LANs, WANs. |
| 120 | Ethernet protocol is no longer a requirement. |
| 121 | You don't need to know about Wi-Fi, but you do need to know about wireless LAN. You don't need to know about the User Datagram Protocol (UDP). |
| 122 | You need to know about the IMAP and SMTP protocols. You don't need to know about the POP protocol. |
| 123 | FTP and UDP protocols are no longer a requirement. |
| 124 | The following questions are no longer a requirement of the specification:<br>1(b-e)<br>5(b)(ii)<br>For part (c) you don't need to know about UDP or FTP. |
| 130 | Q4 is no longer a requirement as you don't need to know about CDs or DVDs. However, if you understand what these are, the question is still relevant in understanding malware. |