

# Circular S/IF/27/20

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To: The Head of Department - Home Economics

For circulation to: All Teachers of GCSE Food and Nutrition and The Examination Officer

## GCSE Food and Nutrition

### Revised Specification Addendum – further adaptations to Component 2: Practical Food and Nutrition (controlled assessment task)

On 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020 the Minister of Education set out the arrangements for the assessment of GCSE and GCE qualifications in Summer 2021. In his instruction to CCEA the Minister requested that:  
*“In the small number of GCSE qualifications where omission of a unit would remove more than forty percent of the content from being assessed, CCEA will be looking at alternative ways to reduce the burden of assessment – these qualifications are GCSE Religious Studies, Health and Social Care, **Food and Nutrition**, Government and Politics, and Statistics”.*

On 5 November 2020 CCEA received approval from the Department of Education to reduce the assessment burden for GCSE Food and Nutrition - Component 2 (Practical Food and Nutrition / controlled assessment) as follows:

- In GCSE Food and Nutrition there will be a reduction in the content and word limit for the controlled assessment task currently in place, which will continue to be worth 50% of the qualification. Candidates must complete the controlled assessments based on the reduced content and word limit – they will **not** have the option of completing the original controlled assessment task.
- The proposal that has been accepted is that ALL candidates will **complete the adapted, reduced Parts B, C and E only** of the Controlled Assessment Task. **There will be no assessment of the practical activity (Part D). Part A and Part D have been removed.**
- These arrangements apply to candidates who began their GCSE qualification in September 2019 and wish to achieve a qualification-level grade in Summer 2021.
- This also includes candidates wishing to resit.

The Department of Education, however, asked CCEA to emphasise the importance of candidates having opportunities to carry out practical activities during the GCSE Food and Nutrition course, where possible.

### Submission Date for Tasks

In line with submission dates for other controlled assessment tasks, the samples for GCSE Food and Nutrition must be submitted by **4 May 2021**.

Please be advised that the revised specification addendum, the controlled assessment task instruction and the guidance document (which includes the amended assessment criteria) can be accessed on the CCEA website.

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