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To: The Heads of Department for Modern Foreign Languages and Examinations Officers of Post-primary Schools and Further and Higher Education

For circulation to: Teachers of GCSE Gaeilge

GCSE Gaeilge Amendment to Specification

Following requests from Top Team members and teachers, it has been agreed that the line below will be deleted from the Specification.

“One of these must be non-fictional.” [p18]

This relates to the Controlled Assessment task for Component 2: Reading and Writing in Gaeilge. The amended Specification is now available on the subject website at this link [GCSE Gaeilge \(2017\) | CCEA](#)

IMPLICATIONS FOR TASK TO BE SUBMITTED IN MAY 2025

The Component 2 task for submission in May 2025 has already been published [[Assessment | CCEA](#)] and teachers will have already commenced their preparation for this task. The amendment to the Specification will therefore **not** apply to tasks to be submitted in May 2025, and candidates will be expected to have studied one fictional and one non-fictional text. As a reminder, poems and songs are considered as non-fictional for this purpose.

IMPLICATIONS FOR TASK TO BE SUBMITTED IN MAY 2026

The amendment to the Specification will come into operation for the Component 2 task to be submitted in May 2026. Teachers will therefore have a free choice regarding the two literary texts to be studied for the task: to be clear, teachers can choose to study two fictional texts, two non-fictional texts or, as at present, one fictional and one non-fictional text.

It is hoped that this amendment to the Specification will facilitate teachers in their choice of texts. The nature of the Controlled Assessment task itself will not change, and will still require the study and analysis of two separate literary texts.

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