

GCE Digital Technology Specification Addendum

Exceptional Assessment Adaptations (for 2021–2022)

This addendum should be used in conjunction with the current specification

The table below shows the units available for Summer 2022 cash in and details where applicable:

- the unit eligible for omission; or
- any adaptations that have been made to internally assessed tasks for 2021–2022; and
- any adaptations that have been made due to public health restrictions

Please note: This applies only to candidates entering in Summer 2022

Content	Assessment	Weightings	Assessment Adaptations 2021–2022
AS 1: Approaches to Systems Development	External written examination 1 hour 30 mins Students answer short and extended questions based on Approaches to Systems Development.	50% of AS 20% of A level	This unit will be eligible for omission for candidates cashing in for the AS qualification level grade in Summer 2022. This unit will still be available for any candidates wishing to be assessed in all units.
AS 2: Fundamentals of Digital Technology	External written examination 1 hour 30 mins Students answer short and extended questions based on the Fundamentals of Digital Technology.	50% of AS 20% of A level	No change
A2 1: Information Systems	External written examination 2 hours 30 mins Students answer short and extended questions based on Information Systems.	40% of A level	No change

Content	Assessment	Weightings	Assessment Adaptations 2021–2022
A2 2: Application Development (Case Study)	Internal assessment Students compile a portfolio showing evidence of the analysis, design, development, testing and evaluation of an application for a specified end user.	20% of A level	The assessment requirements for this unit will be reduced. <i>Further details will be published by 1 September 2021</i>

1. AS Summer 2022

For those students who are due to cash in for the AS qualification in Summer 2022, should they choose to sit both units, they will receive the higher of either:

- the grade awarded on the basis of the outcome of the required unit specified by CCEA; or
- the grade awarded on the basis of the outcome of the full set of units for that qualification.

In both cases the full specification content should still be delivered.

2. A2 Summer 2022

For those students who are due to cash in the full A Level qualification in Summer 2022 should they choose to sit both units, they will receive the higher of either:

- the grade awarded on the basis of the outcome of the required unit specified by CCEA; or
- the grade awarded on the basis of the outcome of the full set of units for that qualification.

In both cases the full specification content should still be delivered.

3. AS (2021) contribution to GCE Qualification (2022)

For candidates who started their course in September 2020 and hope to achieve a GCE qualification level grade in Summer 2022, they will be awarded a grade based on their performance in their A2 units only.

4. Teaching Order

For candidates commencing their AS or A2 course in September 2021, it is recommended that, as far as possible, the units are delivered in numerical order in case of any further disruption to the academic year.