

GCSE Agriculture and Land Use 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; and
- any temporary adaptations that have been made due to public health restrictions.

Please note: This applies only to candidates who started their GCSE course in September 2020 and are cashing-in at qualification level in Summer 2022

Content	Assessment	Weighting	Assessment Adaptations 2021-2022
Unit 1: Soils, Crops and Habitats	An externally assessed written examination consisting of a number of compulsory structured questions that provide opportunities for short answers, extended writing and calculations 1 hour 15 mins	25%	This unit will be eligible for omission for candidates cashing in for the qualification level grade in Summer 2022. This unit will still be available for any candidates wishing to be assessed in all units.
Unit 2: Animals on the Land	An externally assessed written examination consisting of a number of compulsory structured questions that provide opportunities for short answers, extended writing and calculations 1 hour 15 mins	25%	No changes

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Unit 3: Contemporary Issues in Agriculture and Land Use	Controlled assessment Students complete two controlled assessment tasks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • practical investigation task (20%); and • research project (30%) Teachers mark the tasks and we moderate the results.	50%	For Task 1, teachers can supply experimental data for students instead of the requirement to collect primary data. The marking criteria used to assess Task 1 of the Controlled Assessment will be amended so that no marks are awarded for collection of primary data.

For those students who started their GCSE course in September 2020 and are due to cash in the full GCSE in Summer 2022, should they choose to sit all units of the GCSE, they will receive the higher of either:

- the grade awarded on the basis of the outcome of the required units 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.

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