

# GCSE Chemistry

## Specification Addendum

### Exceptional Assessment Adaptations (for 2020–2021)

**This addendum should be used in conjunction with the current specification**

The table below shows the units available for Summer 2021 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 2019 and are cashing-in at qualification level in Summer 2021**

Content	Assessment	Weightings	Assessment Adaptations 2020–2021
<b>Unit 1: Structures, Trends, Chemical Reactions, Quantitative Chemistry and Analysis</b>	External written examination  Students answer compulsory structured questions that require short responses, extended writing and calculations.  There are two tiers of entry.  Foundation Tier: 1 hour  Higher Tier: 1 hour 15 mins	35%	This unit will be <b>eligible</b> for omission for candidates cashing in for the qualification level grade in Summer 2021.  This unit will still be available for any candidates wishing to be assessed in all units.
<b>Unit 2: Further Chemical Reactions, Rates and Equilibrium, Calculations and Organic Chemistry</b>	External written examination  Students answer compulsory structured questions that require short responses, extended writing and calculations.  There are two tiers of entry.  Foundation Tier: 1 hour 15 mins  Higher Tier: 1 hour 30 mins	40%	No changes

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Unit 3: Practical Skills	Booklet A  Externally marked  Students carry out two pre-release practical tasks in the final year of study.  There are two tiers of entry.  Foundation and Higher Tiers: 2 hours	7.5%	Candidates observe a live teacher demonstration in place of completing the experiments themselves due to public health concerns. Further guidance will follow.
	<b>Booklet B</b>  External written examination  Students answer compulsory structured questions that require short responses, extended writing and calculations, all set in a practical context.  There are two tiers of entry.  Foundation and Higher Tiers: 1 hour	17.5%          (Unit 3 total: 25%)	No changes to the assessment. CCEA will provide a list of practicals being assessed in this booklet to minimise the amount of practical preparation required.

For those students who started their GCSE course in September 2019 and are due to cash in the full GCSE in Summer 2021 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 GCSE course in September 2020, 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.