

# GCSE Gaeilge

## Specification Addendum

### Exceptional Assessment Adaptations (for 2021–2022)

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

The table below shows the components available for Summer 2022 and details where applicable:

- the component for omission; and
- any temporary adaptations that have been made due to public health restrictions.

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

Content	Assessment	Weightings	Assessment Adaptations 2021–2022
<b>Component 1: Listening and Speaking in Gaeilge</b>	Controlled assessment  Students prepare and complete two tasks under supervision: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Task 1 is a discussion (4–6 mins) on a pre-prepared topic that requires research; and</li> <li>• Task 2 is a group discussion (4–6 mins). Teachers mark the tasks and we moderate them.</li> </ul> Teachers must adjust timings to allow each student time to contribute to the group discussion.	20%	No changes
<b>Component 2: Reading and Writing in Gaeilge</b>	Controlled assessment  Students prepare and complete a written response to two literary texts (1 hour).  Teachers mark the tasks and we moderate them.	20%	This component will be <b>eligible</b> for omission for candidates entering the qualification in Summer 2022.  This component will still be available for any candidates wishing to be assessed in all

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<b>Component 3: Reading in Gaeilge</b>	One externally assessed written examination (1 hour 30 mins) that comprises: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 1 Information Handling;</li> <li>• Section 2 Analysis and Descriptive Skills; and</li> <li>• Section 3 Translation from Irish into English, assessing syntax, lexical and grammatical structures.</li> </ul>	30%	No changes
<b>Component 4: Writing in Gaeilge</b>	One externally assessed written examination (1 hour 30 mins) that comprises: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 1 functional writing;</li> <li>• Section 2 use of language (grammar and syntax); and</li> <li>• Section 3 translation from English into Irish, assessing syntax, and lexical and grammatical structures.</li> </ul>	30%	No changes

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

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

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

For candidates starting the qualification in September 2021 it is recommended that, as far as possible, the topics for each Context for Learning are delivered in the order that they are listed in the specification in case of any further disruption to the academic year.