

# GCSE Gaeilge

## Specification Addendum

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

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

The table below shows the components available for Summer 2021 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 2021**

Content	Assessment	Weightings	Assessment Adaptations 2020–2021
<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%	This unit will be omitted.  In place of a formal assessment centres will be required to provide an endorsement that the listening and speaking element of this specification has been covered. Further guidance on this will be issued to Heads of Centre in due course.
<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%	No changes

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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 candidates commencing their GCSE course in September 2020, 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.