

# GCSE Geography 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: Understanding Our Natural World</b>  Theme A: River Environments (25%)  Theme B: Coastal Environments (25%)  Theme C: Our Changing Weather and Climate (25%)  Theme D: The Restless Earth (25%)	External written examination  1 hour 30 mins  The examination includes four multi-part questions, one on each theme. Students answer all four questions.	40%	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.

Content	Assessment	Weightings	Assessment Adaptations 2020–2021
<p><b>Unit 2: Living in Our World</b></p> <p>Theme A: Population and Migration (25%)</p> <p>Theme B: Changing Urban Areas (25%)</p> <p>Theme C: Contrasts in World Development (25%)</p> <p>Theme D: Managing Our Environment (25%)</p>	<p>External written examination</p> <p>1 hour 30 mins</p> <p>The examination includes four multi-part questions, one on each theme. Students answer all four questions.</p>	40%	No changes
<p><b>Unit 3: Fieldwork</b></p>	<p>External written examination</p> <p>1 hour</p> <p>Students base their answers on their knowledge and experience of fieldwork. Students must bring a fieldwork statement and table of data into the examination. For more details, see Section 6.3.</p>	20%	<p>The requirement for students to collect primary data has been removed. Centres may provide students with archive fieldwork data, for example data collected in a previous year. Alternatively, centres may obtain data from field centres. Students follow the geographical enquiry process. In Stage 2 they consider how relevant data would have been collected including the use of any equipment required. Students will not be expected to evaluate data collection methods.</p>

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.