GCSE Home Economics: Food and Nutrition 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 eligible 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
Component 1: Food and Nutrition	External written examination 2 hours, 120 marks The written paper includes multiple-choice, short and structured questions, and questions requiring extended writing.	50%	No changes
Component 2: Practical Food and Nutrition	Controlled assessment 120 marks Students complete one task that involves the following: Part A: Research and Viewpoints; Part B: Justification of Choice; Part C: Planning; Part D: Practical Activity; and Part E: Evaluation. Students present the written report on the task in the required format. Teachers mark the task, and we moderate the results.	50%	Controlled Assessment task title for Summer 2020 will be valid/carried over for Summer 2021. The controlled assessment carried 120 marks (3,500 words) and will be reduced to 40 marks (1,600 words). As per the DE approval (6 Nov 2020) to reduce the assessment burden for Component 2 there will be a reduction in the content and word limit for the controlled assessment task which will continue to be worth 50% of the qualification. There will not be the option for candidates to be assessed on all elements of the original controlled assessment task. The proposal that has been accepted is that ALL candidates will complete the adapted and reduced Parts B, C and E only of the Controlled Assessment Task. There will be no assessment of the practical activity (Part D).

For candidates commencing their GCSE course in September 2020 and due to enter in Summer 2022, it is recommended that, as far as possible, the components are delivered in numerical order in case of any further disruption to the academic year.