

GCSE Religious Studies 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

See Section 1.5 for the prohibited unit combinations.

Content	Assessment	Weightings	Assessment Adaptations 2020–2021
<p>Unit 1: The Christian Church through a Study of the Catholic Church and the Protestant Church</p> <p>Unit 2: The Christian Church with a Focus on EITHER the Catholic Church OR the Protestant Church</p> <p>Unit 3: The Revelation of God and the Christian Church</p>	<p>Short Course: one external written examination on students' chosen unit lasting 1 hour 30 mins</p> <p>Full Course: two external written examinations, one on each of students' chosen units, lasting 1 hour 30 mins each</p>	<p>Short Course: Written examination worth 100%</p> <p>Full Course: each written examination worth 50%</p>	<p>Units 1 – 9</p> <p>Short Course: no omissions or adaptations.</p> <p>Full Course: As per the DE approval (6 Nov 2020) to reduce the assessment burden for full course, students have the option of sitting one external written examination and a controlled assessment task from their other unit of study.</p> <p>Both units will still be available for any candidates wishing to be assessed in all units.</p> <p>Students are not allowed to do both external examination units and the controlled assessment task.</p>

Content	Assessment	Weightings	Assessment Adaptations 2020–2021
Unit 4: Christianity through a Study of the Gospel of Matthew Unit 5: Christianity through a Study of the Gospel of Mark Unit 6: An Introduction to Christian Ethics Unit 7: An Introduction to Philosophy of Religion Unit 8: Islam Unit 9: Judaism			<p>The controlled assessment task will be equivalent to 10% of the original specification.</p> <p>The controlled assessment task will be the same format as a Unit Section B examination question: Part (a) assessing AO1 5 marks Part (b) assessing AO1 5 marks Part (c) assessing AO2 10 marks.</p> <p>The time allowed is one hour.</p> <p>The level of control is medium.</p> <p>Teachers will mark the task and CCEA will moderate it.</p>

Students who cashed in short course in Summer 2020 and want to enter for full course in Summer 2021 must sit one examination unit and a controlled assessment task from their other unit of study. One of either the exam or the controlled assessment task must be on the unit entered in Summer 2020. Two examination units can also be sat.

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.