

# GCSE Single Award Science 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 for which a missed component calculation can be applied; 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: Biology</b>	External written examination  Foundation and Higher Tiers: 1 hour  Students answer compulsory structured questions that include short responses, extended writing and calculations.	25%	No changes
<b>Unit 2: Chemistry</b>	External written examination  Foundation and Higher Tiers: 1 hour  Students answer compulsory structured questions that include short responses, extended writing and calculations.	25%	No changes
<b>Unit 3: Physics</b>	External written examination  Foundation and Higher Tiers: 1 hour  Students answer compulsory structured questions that include short responses, extended writing and calculations.	25%	No changes

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<b>Unit 4: Practical Skills</b>	<b>Booklet A</b> Practical skills assessment Foundation and Higher Tiers: 2 hours Students carry out two pre-release practical tasks (from two of Biology, Chemistry and Physics) in the final year of study.	7.5%	This unit will be <b>eligible</b> for omission for candidates cashing in the qualification level grade in Summer 2021. This unit will still be available for any candidates wishing to be assessed in all units. If this unit is undertaken candidates will observe a live teacher demonstration in place of completing the experiments themselves due to public health concerns.
	<b>Booklet B</b> External written examination Foundation Tier: 1 hour Higher Tier: 1 hour 15 mins Students answer compulsory structured questions that include short responses, extended writing and calculations all set in a practical context for Biology, Chemistry and Physics.	17.5%	This unit will be <b>eligible</b> for omission for candidates cashing in the qualification level grade in Summer 2021. This unit will still be available for any candidates wishing to be assessed in all units.

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.