



## Summary of entry requirements - Summer 2022

This document should be used as a supplement to the existing subject specifications, [subject specification addenda](#), [Assessment Arrangements for GCSE, AS A level Qualifications in 2021/22: Technical Questions and Answers](#).

The main requirements for entering for CCEA qualifications in 2021/22 are:

- **Candidates requiring a subject level outcome in any of CCEA's qualifications should only be entered for units the candidate intends to be assessed on.**
- Unit entries from Summer 2020, January 2021, March 2021, and Summer 2021 cannot contribute towards 2021-22 outcomes as there were no uniform marks awarded. However, unit outcomes from previous series **with associated uniform marks** will be taken into consideration in this year's assessment arrangements.

GCE AS and A2	
<b>GCE AS and A2 / General</b>	<p>Centres should enter candidates only for the units they will be assessed on.</p> <p>Candidates availing of the optional unit omission must not be entered for these units.</p> <p>Unit outcomes (i.e. candidates awarded Uniform Marks) from previous series can be used towards eligibility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entries from those series where no examinations took place, Summer 2020 and Summer 2021, will not count as an attempt.</li> <li>• If a candidate was entered for a unit in one of the cancelled examination series, and this unit is required for eligibility for awarding, the unit must be entered and taken.</li> </ul>
<b>GCE AS only</b>	<p>Candidates who commenced their GCE AS course in September 21 or before can avail of any unit omission available.</p> <p>An AS grade issued in Summer 2022 will not contribute to an A Level cash-in in Summer 2022.</p>
<b>GCE A2 only</b>	<p>Candidates who commenced their GCE A2 course in September 21 or before can avail of any omission available.</p>

## GCSE

### GCSE / General

Only candidates in year 12 or above can avail of unit omissions.

Candidates hoping to achieve a qualification in year 11 and below cannot avail of unit omissions.

- An exception to this is GCSE Irish. This is to facilitate progression to GCSE Gaeilge.

Centres should enter candidates only for the units they will be assessed on.

The GCSE Terminal Rule will be suspended. Students will not have to complete 40% of the assessment in the terminal series in which they request certification.

### GCSE modular specification requirements only

Candidates availing of the optional unit omissions must not be entered for these units.

Candidates may resit each unit once prior to certification.

Unit outcomes (i.e. candidates awarded Uniform Marks) from previous series can be used towards eligibility.

- Entries from those series where no examinations took place, Summer 2020, January 2021, March 2021, and Summer 2021 will not count as an attempt.
- If a candidate was entered for a unit in one of the cancelled examination series, and this unit is required for eligibility for awarding, the unit must be entered and taken.

Candidates not wishing to be awarded an overall subject qualification in 2021/2022 can enter units in the normal way.

### GCSE linear specification requirements only

Candidates requiring a GCSE subject level outcome for a linear qualification should be entered using the normal award code.

G0940 Contemporary Crafts  
G9080 Art and Design  
G9260 Drama  
G9280 Economics  
G9520 Food and Nutrition  
G9530 Moving Image Arts  
G9570 Gaeilge  
G9710 Music  
G9770 Physical Education

A candidate **in year 11 or below** wishing to achieve an award in a linear specification must complete all components and cannot avail of any optional omissions.

## Occupational Studies

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Candidates can omit one unit of their choice from final assessment. This means centres can choose to have only one unit assessed and submitted to CCEA for moderation in 2021/22.

For those candidates who plan to cash in for a qualification in November 2021/Summer 2022, should they choose to be assessed on both units, they will receive the higher of either:

- the grade awarded based on one unit; or
- the grade awarded based on the outcome for both units.

The full specification for two units should still be delivered.

Unit level awards will still be available and moderated in the normal way.

Units previously awarded at unit level without a cash-in at qualification level (i.e. from January 2020 or earlier) will count towards a cash-in in November 2021 or Summer 2022.

#### Example

A candidate working towards an award in Business and Services studying Customer Service and Modern Retailing who wishes to avail of the omission for Modern Retailing will enter for the following:

- VYGE (Customer Service unit code)
  - V4901 (Business and Services cash-in code)
- (VFGK Modern Retailing is delivered but not entered)

A candidate working towards an award in Business and Services studying Customer Service and Modern Retailing who does not wish to avail of any omission will enter for the following:

- VYGE (Customer Service unit code)
- VYGK (Modern Retailing unit code)
- V4901 (Business and Services cash-in code)

## Certificate of Personal Effectiveness

### CoPE

This is a linear qualification so continue to enter the component code KSE3 when making entries.

Centres must deliver the content in line with the specification addenda:

- Centres must deliver content for all six modules, as detailed in the specification.
- Centres may choose to omit one, two or three modules of their choice from assessment and assess candidates on the remaining modules.

## Vocational Qualifications

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Centres should enter candidates only for the units they will be assessed on.

Unit level awards will still be available and moderated in the normal way.

#### **Preparation for Adult Life Level 1 and Level 2 Award**

- Centres deliver the specification for six units, as detailed in the specification.
- Centres may choose to omit one, two or three units of their choice from assessment and assess candidates on the remaining units.
- Only units previously awarded in January 2020 or before, can count towards the number of units required for cash-in at qualification level in November 2021.
- Unit level awards will still be available and moderated in the normal way.

#### **Preparation for Adult Life Level 1 and Level 2 Certificate**

- Centres deliver the specification for 13 units, as detailed in the specification.
- Centres may choose to omit up to six units of their choice from assessment and assess candidates on the remaining units.
- Only units previously awarded in January 2020 or before, can count towards the number of units required for cash-in at qualification level in November 2021.
- Candidates who have already achieved an Award (based on six units) and are hoping to achieve a Certificate in November 2021 or Summer 2022, centres can choose to omit up to three units of their choice.
- Centres deliver the specification for the seven remaining units as detailed in the specification.
- Centres may choose to omit one, two or three units of their choice from assessment and assess candidates on the remaining units.

#### **Performance Skills Level 1 and Level 2**

- Centres deliver the specification for three units as detailed in the specification.
- Centres may choose to omit one unit of their choice from assessment and assess candidates on the remaining two units.
- Only units previously awarded in January 2020 or before, can count towards the number of units required for cash-in at qualification level in November 2021.

## Entry Level

### Entry Level Qualifications

*Please note: This applies only to candidates cashing-in at qualification level in the March 2022 examination series.*

Centres should only enter candidates for the units they will be assessed on.

Units previously awarded at unit level without a cash-in at qualification level will count towards the number of units required for cash-in at qualification level in March 2022.

Unit level awards will still be available and moderated in the normal way.

#### Examples

*Art and Design, English, Geography, History, Learning for Life and Work, Life Skills, Mathematics, Physical Education, Religious Studies, Science, Occupational Studies* (all six-unit specifications)

- For candidates wishing to cash-in for an Entry Level qualification in March 2022, centres can choose to omit up to three units of their choice up to a maximum of 60 GLH.
- Centres deliver the specification for six units, as detailed in the specification. This may include work completed prior to 2021-22.
- Centres may choose to omit one, two or three units of their choice from assessment and assess candidates only on the remaining units.

#### *Home Economics* (nine-unit specification)

- For candidates wishing to cash-in for EL Home Economics in March 2022, centres can choose to omit units representing a maximum of 60 GLH from assessment and assess candidates only on the remaining units.
- Centres deliver the specification for nine units, as detailed in the specification. This may include work completed prior to 2021-22.

#### *Extended Life Skills/Occupational Studies* (12-unit specifications)

- For candidates wishing to cash-in for either of these specifications in March 2022, centres can choose to omit up to six units of their choice up to a maximum of 120 GLH.
- Centres deliver the specification for 12 units, as detailed in the specification. This may include work completed prior to 2021-22.
- For candidates who have achieved a Life Skills and/or Occupational Studies qualification and are hoping to achieve an extended qualification in March 2022, centres should follow the six-unit specification information above for the remaining units.

## Online Language Assessment

### Online Language Assessment (OLA)

Candidates requiring an OLA subject level outcome should be entered for these linear qualifications using the normal award codes as per language specifications.