

GCE Irish Specification Addendum

Exceptional Assessment Adaptations (for 2021–2022)

This addendum should be used in conjunction with the current specification

The table below shows the units available for Summer 2022 cash in and details where applicable:

- the unit eligible for omission; or
- any adaptations that have been made to internally assessed tasks for 2021–2022; and
- any adaptations that have been made due to public health restrictions

Please note: This applies only to candidates entering in Summer 2022

Content	Assessment	Weightings	Assessment Adaptations 2021–2022
AS 1: Speaking	AS 1: Speaking Question 1: students give a presentation based on an AS level theme related to an aspect of an Irish-speaking country or community. (approximately 3 mins) Question 2: conversation (approximately 8 mins) Total time: 11 mins	30% of AS level 12% of A level	This unit will be eligible for omission for candidates cashing in for the AS qualification level grade in Summer 2022. This unit will still be available for any candidates wishing to be assessed in all units.

Content	Assessment	Weightings	Assessment Adaptations 2021–2022
<p>AS 2: Listening [A], Reading [B] and Use of Language [C]</p>	<p>AS 2: Section A – Listening Students answer two sets of questions based on two discrete passages recorded on disk.</p> <p>Recording 1: students answer in Irish. Recording 2: students answer in English. (40 mins)</p> <p>AS 2: Section B – Reading Question 1: students answer one set of questions in Irish based on one passage.</p> <p>Question 2: students translate a passage from Irish into English. (50 mins)</p> <p>AS 2: Section C – Use of Language Questions 1, 2, 3 and 4: students complete a series of short grammatical and lexical exercises.</p> <p>Question 5: students translate short sentences from English into Irish. (30 mins)</p> <p>Total time: 2 hours</p>	<p>40% of AS level</p> <p>16% of A level</p>	<p>No changes</p>
<p>AS 3: Extended Writing</p>	<p>AS 3: Extended Writing Students write one essay in Irish in response to a set film or literary text.</p> <p>Total time: 1 hour</p>	<p>30% of AS level</p> <p>12% of A level</p> <p>AS: 40% of A level</p>	<p>No changes</p>

Content	Assessment	Weightings	Assessment Adaptations 2021–2022
<p>A2 1: Speaking</p>	<p>A2 1: Speaking Question 1: students introduce and discuss one individual research project based on either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a cultural aspect of an Irish-speaking country or community; • a historical period from the twentieth century of an Irish-speaking country or community; or • a region of an Irish-speaking country or community. <p>(approximately 6 mins)</p> <p>Question 2: conversation (approximately 9 mins)</p> <p>Total time: 15 mins</p>	<p>18% of A level</p>	<p>This unit will be eligible for omission for candidates cashing in for the A Level qualification grade in Summer 2022.</p> <p>This unit will still be available for any candidates wishing to be assessed in all units.</p>

Content	Assessment	Weightings	Assessment Adaptations 2021–2022
<p>A2 2: Listening [A] and Reading [B]</p>	<p>A2 2: Section A – Listening Students answer two sets of questions based on two discrete passages recorded on disk.</p> <p>Recording 1: students answer in Irish. Recording 2: students answer in English. (45 mins)</p> <p>A2 2: Section B – Reading Students answer two sets of questions and complete one summary exercise and one translation exercise.</p> <p>Question 1: students complete a gap-filling exercise in Irish.</p> <p>Question 2: students answer a set of questions in Irish based on one passage.</p> <p>Question 3: students read a passage in Irish and summarise it in English.</p> <p>Question 4: students translate a passage from English into Irish. (2 hours)</p> <p>Total time: 2 hours 45 mins</p>	<p>24% of A level</p>	<p>No changes</p>
<p>A2 3: Extended Writing</p>	<p>A2 3: Extended Writing Students write one essay in Irish in response to a set literary text.</p> <p>Total time: 1 hour</p>	<p>18% of A level</p> <p>A2: 60% of A level</p>	<p>No changes</p>

1. AS Summer 2022

For those students who are due to cash in for the AS qualification in Summer 2022, should they choose to sit all three units, 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.

2. A2 Summer 2022

For those students who are due to cash in the full A Level qualification in Summer 2022, should they choose to sit all three units, 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.

3. AS (2021) contribution to GCE Qualification (2022)

For candidates who started their course in September 2020 and hope to achieve a GCE qualification level grade in Summer 2022, they will be awarded a grade based on their performance in their A2 units only.

4. Teaching Order

For candidates commencing their AS or A2 course in September 2021, it is recommended that, as far as possible, the themes and topics are delivered in the order that they are listed in the specification in case of any further disruption to the academic year.