

# GCSE Agriculture and Land Use 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**

Content	Assessment	Weighting	Assessment Adaptations 2020–2021
<b>Unit 1: Soils, Crops and Habitats</b>	An externally assessed written examination consisting of a number of compulsory structured questions that provide opportunities for short answers, extended writing and calculations  <b>1 hour 15 mins</b>	25%	This unit will be <b>eligible</b> for omission for candidates cashing in for the qualification level grade in Summer 2021.  This unit will still be available for any candidates wishing to be assessed in all units.
<b>Unit 2: Animals on the Land</b>	An externally assessed written examination consisting of a number of compulsory structured questions that provide opportunities for short answers, extended writing and calculations  <b>1 hour 15 mins</b>	25%	No changes

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<b>Unit 3: Contemporary Issues in Agriculture and Land Use</b>	Controlled assessment  Students complete two controlled assessment tasks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• practical investigation task (20%); and</li> <li>• research project (30%)</li> </ul> Teachers mark the tasks and we moderate the results.	50%	For Task 1, teachers can supply experimental data for students instead of the requirement to collect primary data.  The marking criteria used to assess Task 1 of the Controlled Assessment will be amended so that no marks are awarded for collection of primary data.  CCEA will provide guidance on how primary data can be collected for Task 2.

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 starting the qualification in Year 11 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.