



# Guide to resit requirements

WJEC AS, A level and GCSE  
Eduqas AS, A level and GCSE  
Level 1/2 Vocational Awards and Certificates  
Level 3 Applied Certificates, Diplomas and Extended Diplomas  
Welsh Baccalaureate Skills Challenge Certificate  
Entry Level  
Health and Social Care, and Childcare (Wales)

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## Section 1: WJEC GCE AS, A Level and GCSE qualifications approved by Qualifications Wales (not available to centres in England)

Please note that centre assessed grades and centre determined grades from the summer 2020 and summer 2021 series do **not** count as an attempt.

### GCE

GCE qualifications approved by Qualifications Wales are unitised. Candidates may resit an individual unit ONCE only. This applies to all AS and A2 units. The better uniform mark score from the two attempts will be used in calculating the final overall grade.

A qualification may be taken more than once. However, if any unit has been attempted twice and a candidate wishes to enter the unit for the third time, then the candidate will have to re-enter all examination units and the appropriate cash-in(s). This is referred to as a 'fresh start'. When retaking a qualification (fresh start), a candidate may have up to two attempts at each unit. However, no results from units taken prior to the fresh start can be used in aggregating the new grade(s).

Marks for non-examination assessment (NEA) units may be carried forward for the life of the specification. Once a candidate has triggered a fresh-start, if they re-enter the NEA unit (rather than carrying forward the previous NEA mark), it is the new mark that will count towards the overall grade, even if it is lower than a previous attempt.

If a candidate has been entered for but is absent for a unit, the absence does not count as an attempt.

### GCSE

There are unitised and linear GCSEs approved by Qualifications Wales. Resit rules differ depending on whether a qualification is unitised or linear.

For **unitised** specifications, candidates may resit an individual unit ONCE only. The better uniform mark score from the two attempts will be used in calculating the final overall grade subject to the **terminal rule** being satisfied first i.e. that candidates must complete a minimum amount of the assessment for a qualification in the series in which they are cashing in. The terminal rule is set at 40% of the overall qualifications for all subjects other than GCSE Welsh second language which has a 75% terminal rule. If the assessment being retaken contributes to the 40%/75% terminal rule requirement, the mark for the new assessment will count.

If any unit has been attempted twice and a candidate wishes to enter the unit for the third time, the candidate will have to re-enter all examination units and the appropriate cash-in (s). This is referred to as a 'fresh start'. When retaking a qualification (fresh start), a candidate may have up to two attempts at each unit. However, no results from units taken prior to the fresh start can be used in aggregating the new grade(s).

Marks for non-examination assessment (NEA) units may be carried forward for the life of the specification. Once a candidate has triggered a fresh-start, if they re-enter the NEA unit (rather than carrying forward the previous NEA mark), it is the new mark that will count towards the overall grade, even if it is lower than a previous attempt.

If a candidate has been entered for but is absent for a unit, the absence does not count as an attempt.

For **linear** GCSEs, a qualification may be taken more than once. Candidates must resit all examination units in the same series.

Marks for NEA units may be carried forward for the life of the specification, provided that a candidate has certificated for the qualification. If a candidate retakes the NEA unit (rather than carrying forward the previous NEA mark), it is the new mark that will count towards the overall grade, even if it is lower than a previous attempt.

Where a candidate has certificated on two or more previous occasions, the most recent NEA mark is carried forward, regardless of whether that mark is higher or lower (unless that mark is absent).

## GCSE November series

Any candidate may be entered for the WJEC GCSE English Language, GCSE Welsh Language, GCSE Mathematics and GCSE Mathematics – Numeracy qualifications in the November series. There are no eligibility criteria (different rules apply to our WJEC Eduqas qualifications accredited by Ofqual – please see section 2 below).

## Section 2: WJEC Eduqas reformed qualifications accredited by Ofqual

All WJEC Eduqas reformed qualifications, accredited by Ofqual, are linear. A qualification may be taken more than once. Candidates must resit all examination components in the same series.

Marks for non-examination-assessment (NEA) components may be carried forward for the life of the specification, provided that a candidate has certificated for the qualification. If a candidate resits the NEA component (rather than carrying forward the previous NEA mark), it is the new mark that will count towards the overall grade, even if it is lower than a previous attempt.

Where a candidate has certificated on two or more previous occasions, the most recent NEA mark is carried forward, regardless of whether that mark is higher or lower (unless that mark is absent).

## GCSE November series

The eligibility criteria for the WJEC Eduqas GCSE November series is that a candidate must have reached at least the age of 16 on or before the 31st August prior to the November resit series (e.g. a candidate may take an examination in the GCSE November 2022 series if they were at least 16 on or before the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022).

## Section 3: Vocational Awards and Certificates (Level 1/Level 2)

Please note that centre assessed grades and teacher assessed grades from the summer 2020 and summer 2021 series do **not** count as an attempt.

For all Vocational Awards and Certificates, candidates may resit:

- internally assessed units once only;
- externally assessed units once only

The best grade achieved in either internal or external units will be used for aggregation.

Should candidates wish to enter any unit for a third time, no results from units taken previously may be used in aggregating the new grade. Therefore, all units in the qualification must be taken again.

If a candidate has been entered for but is absent for a unit, the absence does not count as an attempt.

## Section 4: Applied Certificates, Diplomas and Extended Diploma (Level 3)

Please note that centre assessed grades and teacher assessed grades from the summer 2020 and summer 2021 series do **not** count as an attempt.

For Level 3 Applied Certificates and Diplomas, candidate may resit:

- internally assessed units **once only**
- externally assessed units **twice**.

The best grade achieved in either internal or external units will be used for aggregation.

Should candidates wish to enter an internal unit more than once or an external unit more than twice, no results from units taken previously may be used in aggregating the new grade. **Therefore, all units in the qualification must be taken again.**

If a candidate has been entered for but is absent for a unit, the absence does not count as an attempt.

## Section 5: Welsh Baccalaureate Skills Challenge Certificate

Please note that centre assessed grades and centre determined grades from the summer 2020 and summer 2021 series do **not** count as an attempt.

Candidates may resit a unit **once only**. The best mark achieved from the two attempts will be used for aggregation.

Should candidates wish to enter a unit for a third time, no results from units taken previously may be used in **aggregating the new grade. Therefore, all units in the qualification must be taken again.**

If a candidate has been entered for but is absent for a unit, the absence does not count as an attempt.

## Section 6: Entry Level

All WJEC Entry Level qualifications are linear. A qualification may be taken more than once. Candidates must resit all examination components in the same series

Marks for NEA units may be carried forward for the life of the specification, provided that a candidate has certificated for the qualification. If a candidate resits the NEA unit (rather than carrying forward the previous NEA mark), it is the new mark that will count towards the overall grade, even if it is lower than a previous attempt.

Where a candidate has certificated on two or more previous occasions, the most recent NEA mark is carried forward, regardless of whether that mark is higher or lower (unless that mark is absent)

## Section 7: Health and Social Care, and Children's Care (Wales)

### Level 2: Children's Care, Play, Learning and Development: Core

External Assessment Units:

There are no restrictions on the number of resits allowed.

Internal Assessment Units:

Candidates who fail to achieve the marks required to pass an internal assessment can resit the assessment using a new bank of questions/tasks. If the candidate has exhausted the number of banks of questions/tasks available, a new case study and bank of questions/tasks must be used.

Please refer to page 48 of the [specification](#) for further details.

### Level 2: Children's Care, Play, Learning and Development: Practice and Theory

Candidates who do not achieve a Pass in the external examination will be able to resit the external examination.

There are no restrictions on the number of resits allowed.

### Level 2: Health and Social Care: Principles and Contexts

Candidates may resit the internally assessed unit once only. If a candidate chooses to resit the unit, they must resit both Assignment 1 and 2. Assignment 1 must be based on the case studies released for the series in which the resit takes place. The candidate may use the same work experience placement as the basis for resitting Assignment 2. The resit must be completed within the same levels of control. Candidates cannot improve previously submitted work.

Marks for NEA may be carried forward for the life of the specification. If a candidate resits the NEA (rather than carrying forward the previous NEA mark), it is the new mark that will count towards the overall grade, even if it is lower than a previous attempt

### Level 3: Children's Care, Plan Learning and Development: Practice and Theory

Candidates are allowed one resit of each external unit with the higher grade contributing to the award of the qualification. Candidates may resit the qualification multiple times.

### Level 3: Health and Social Care: Principles and Contexts

Candidates may resit each internally assessed unit once only. If a candidate chooses to resit a unit, they must undertake a new assignment based on the case studies released for the series in which the resit takes place. If a candidate chooses to resit Unit 6, they may use the same work experience placement as the basis for resitting Assignment 2. The resit must be completed within the same levels of control. Candidates cannot improve previously submitted work.

Marks for NEA may be carried forward for the life of the specification. If a candidate resits an NEA (rather than carrying forward the previous NEA mark), it is the higher mark that will count towards the overall grade.

Learners will be allowed one resit for each external examination with the higher grade contributing to the award of the qualification. Learners may resit the entire qualification multiple times.

If a candidate has been entered but is absent for a unit, the absence does not count as an attempt.