

September 2023 Newsletter

AS and A level Geology

CPD 2023

Eduqas GCE Geology CPD will consist of two separate events.

1. **Practical Endorsement Update:**

This CPD will be delivered online on **Tuesday 3rd October 4-5:30pm** and is designed for practitioners teaching the **Eduqas A level Geology** specification. The session will review the features of candidate work which is being undertaken for the practical endorsement. It will offer guidance and suggestions to give teachers an outline of best practice in this area. There will be an opportunity to take part in a question-and-answer session with practical endorsement/subject experts.

2. **Review of the Summer 2023 Exam Series:**

This CPD will be delivered online on **Tuesday 7th November 4-6pm** and is designed for practitioners teaching the Eduqas AS/A level Geology specifications. The 2-hour session will highlight key points from the Principal Examiner's report, giving an overview of performance in the recent summer assessment series, exploring examples of marked candidates' assessments, and focussing on areas for improvement.

For both of these events, please see details and booking information on the Eduqas website at [△ level Geology Training](#)

ESTA Conference 2023

This year's Earth Science Teachers Association Conference takes place at The University of Portsmouth from Friday 29th September to Sunday 1st October 2023. The conference will focus on engaging with the geoscience industry and will facilitate conversations between geoscience teachers and the world of employment.

WJEC Eduqas will have a stand at the event. It would be great to see you there.

Full details can be found on the conference website at <https://earth-science-teachers.uk/training/conference/>

The Practical Endorsement

Training

It is a requirement that the lead teacher in each centre following the WJEC Eduqas A level Geology specification has undergone some form of training. For lead teachers who have not yet undertaken face to face training or online training, (perhaps because you have only started teaching the Eduqas A level Geology specification in the last year or two) it is imperative that you undergo online training by reading each of the documents in the Practical Endorsement Training section of the website available at https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/geology-as-a-level/#tab_keydocuments

If you are then unclear about any aspects regarding the practical endorsement, please e mail geology@eduqas.co.uk for further advice.

Monitoring Visits

Each centre teaching A level Geology and entering candidates for the Eduqas A level Geology examinations in 2024 will need to have been 'visited' during the period October 2022 to March 2024. The monitoring of the Practical Endorsement will be undertaken by a monitoring visit to your centre. Arrangements for this will be sent out to those centres who were not visited within the last academic year. This will also include centres new to teaching Eduqas Geology in September 2023. The procedures for the monitoring visits will be the same as for the other A level Sciences. A practical endorsement monitor will contact you in due course.

Intention to Enter (for centres new the Eduqas Geology)

In order for the awarding organisations to arrange monitoring visits, it is a requirement that each centre informs the relevant awarding organisation that they are intending to teach their specification. All Eduqas A level Geology centres must have contacted geology@eduqas.co.uk to register their intention to teach and enter candidates for the Eduqas specification. If you have not previously done this, perhaps because you have only embarked on teaching the Eduqas specification relatively recently, you must register without delay.

Fieldwork Statements

Candidates entering the AS or A level examinations in summer 2024 and beyond are required to have undertaken a minimum of 4 days in the field for the A level qualification, and 2 days for the AS qualification. The specification states that each centre must provide details of their fieldwork on a Fieldwork Statement.

Where centres are entering candidates for both AS and A level qualifications, **separate AS and A level Fieldwork Statements must be submitted each year**. These are both available on the Eduqas website at

[A level geology fieldwork statement](#)

[AS geology fieldwork statement](#)

They must be submitted using the e mail address geology@eduqas.co.uk by 15th May of the year in which those candidates will be sitting their examinations.

Summer 2023 past papers and mark schemes

The AS and A level Geology papers and mark schemes for summer 2023 are now available on the secure website.

The accompanying Examiners' Reports are on the Eduqas [AS/A level Geology webpage](#).

E mail contact

If you have subject specific enquiries then please make contact with the Geology team by using the e mail address geology@eduqas.co.uk. Please note that the Subject Support Officer for Geology is Eira Morgan.