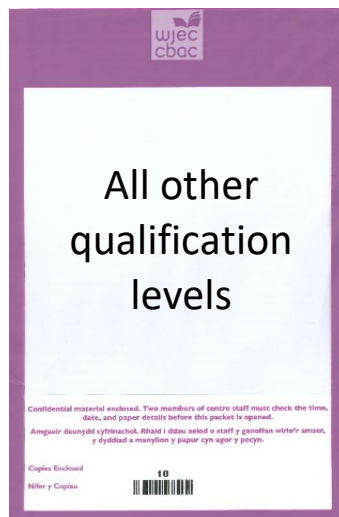


Examination Requirements January 2026

Question Paper Packets



To avoid potential breaches of security, care must be taken to ensure the correct question paper packets are opened.

The Examinations Officer, with another member of the examinations team, must check the time, date and any other paper details before a packet is opened.

Subject & Paper Number

This is the number printed on the question paper and the attendance register.

Answer Books

For each examination, an indication is given as to the **likely** requirement per candidate. Clearly, this information can only be a guide as some candidates will write more than others. However, it does provide an indication as to the basic requirements, and it identifies those subjects where this stationery is not required at all.

The following indicators have been used:

Y - 16p pink scannable booklet.

This answer booklet must be used for all examinations that require an answer booklet. If any candidate requires additional writing space, a pink 4-page scannable booklet should be used.

Candidates must follow the instructions on the front of the question paper for indicating question numbers in the answer booklet.

N - No booklets are required.

This applies to examinations where answers to all questions are written in a question-and-answer booklet. If a candidate requires additional writing space a 4p scannable booklet should be used.

Further information regarding answer booklets can be found on our websites:

[WJEC](#) and [EduGas](#)

WJEC Supplied Materials

This covers additional items which are issued with the question papers and which candidates will require **in addition to a copy of the question paper e.g. Resource Material, Data Booklets.**

Centre/Candidate Supplied Materials

This covers other items which candidates may require in the examination which are provided by the centre/candidate (e.g. calculators, dictionaries etc.). Centres must not provide candidates with exam related materials which are not listed. Such materials would be considered as unauthorised and may constitute malpractice.

Special note relating to Calculators - Calculators are only listed in this booklet where they are **likely** to be required by candidates. They are however now permitted in all WJEC examinations unless specifically prohibited in the specification.

General Information

A range of subject specific information is included, e.g. whether dictionaries are permitted in the examination room.

Additional Information

Removing question papers from secure storage

In order to avoid potential breaches of security care must be taken to ensure the correct question paper packets are opened.

An additional member of centre staff, who can be an invigilator, must check the day, date, time, subject, unit/component and tier of entry, if appropriate, immediately before a question paper packet is opened.

This check must be recorded. The JCQ has produced a template for centres to use. This can be found at:

<https://www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/ice---instructions-for-conducting-examinations/second-pair-of-eyes-check-form>

Scribe / Word Processor cover sheets.

For **Examination scripts**: the cover sheet **must** be completed and attached to the candidate's completed script using treasury tags.

If an examination has been completed using a word processor and no answer books have been used to record any answers, centres must not despatch those answer books.

Please note that we require candidates using a word processor to:

- add a header or footer to include **centre number, candidate name and number and the unit/ component code**. This ensures that candidate information is on every sheet.
- use a minimum font size of 12pt
- use double spacing
- include page numbers on each sheet

When printing the script after the examination, candidates should be present to confirm that the work is theirs and that it has been printed in its entirety.

Where the candidate uses a combination of a question and answer book and a word-processed document, the printed pages must be attached to the question and answer book prior to despatch to the examiner.

[Word processor cover sheets](#) are available on the website.

https://www.wjec.co.uk/home/administration/examinations/#tab_0

Question Paper Download

Question papers will be available to download from the Portal 60 minutes prior to the published examination start time on the day of examinations.

Examination Officers and Admin users will be able to access these files in '**Today's Question Papers**' under '**Key Information**' and centres will need a corresponding entry in place to view and download.

If the required assessment/resource is not listed, please phone the department below for assistance to access these files:

<https://portal.wjec.co.uk/>

- 029 2026 5154 – GCSE
- 029 2026 5444 - Pathways (Level 1 General Qualifications, Level 1 / Level 2 Vocational Awards and HSCCC)