



# Guide to resit requirements

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

### 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.

Please refer to our document Summer 2024: Unitised A Level qualification rules to check in what circumstances learners only need to resit A2 units ([available on the secure website](#)).

Students resitting exams in 2024 will take the same exam paper as students sitting for the first time. There will not be a separate paper for resitting candidates based on streamlined assessment content for summer 2022.

### 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).

### **Students resitting GCSE units from June 2022 where whole units were not assessed in 2022**

Students who sat adapted WJEC GCSE qualifications in 2022 will, if they wish to resit any of these qualifications in 2024, be required to take assessments as shown in the relevant specification (i.e. without any adaptations). Students resitting exams in 2024 will take the same exam paper as students sitting for the first time. There will not be a separate paper for resitting candidates based on streamlined assessment content for summer 2022.

However, we recognise there are particular issues for resitters of WJEC GCSE qualifications from summer 2022 where one or more **whole units** were removed from the 2022 assessments. WJEC has agreed with Qualifications Wales that resitters from summer 2022 entered for any of the WJEC GCSE qualifications listed in the following table will not be required to sit all units in 2024. They may, if they wish, retake only the units they sat in 2022 and not the unit(s) listed below which were removed from assessment in 2022.

WJEC GCSE qualification	Unit(s) removed for 2022	Assessment structure
Art and Design	Externally set assignment	Linear
Computer Science	Software development (NEA)	Linear
English Literature	One of the two exams (choice)	Unitised
Welsh Second Language	One of Unit 1 or Unit 2 orals (choice)	Unitised
Welsh Literature	One of the two exams (choice)	Unitised
History	One of the three exams (choice)	Unitised
HSCCC (double award)	Unit 1 examination	Unitised
Biology	Unit 1 exam* & Unit 3 practical assessment	Unitised
Chemistry	Unit 1 exam* & Unit 3 practical assessment	Unitised
Physics	Unit 1 exam* & Unit 3 practical assessment	Unitised
Science (double award)	Units 1, 2, 3 exams* & Unit 7 practical	Unitised
Applied Science (double award)	Units 1 & 2 exams* & Unit 5 practical	Unitised
Applied Science (single award)	Unit 1 exam* & Unit 4 practical assessment	Unitised

*\* these assessments are usually taken at the end of year 10.*

For students resitting these qualifications only, the weightings applied to each unit will be the amended weightings from summer 2022 (taking account of the reduction in units) rather than the weightings for the whole qualification given in the specification. The amended weightings are given in Appendix A of the WJEC [GCSE adaptations booklet](#) for summer 2022 which remains available on the WJEC website.

For all candidates who cashed-in in June 2022 they will need to resit at least one unit in June 2024 except for Welsh Second Language where they must resit unit 3 and 4 and English Literature where unit 1 can come from January 2024.

**It is important to note these arrangements apply only to cash-in students from summer 2022 resitting the qualifications listed above in 2024.** They do not apply to qualifications where there was another form of adaptation, e.g. one task/section was removed, or topics were removed from the assessment in 2022.

### 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 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 are 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).

Following changes to Ofqual's Qualification Level Condition (GCSE25.3a), it may be appropriate to allow a candidate who is considered disabled under the Equality Act 2010 and who would otherwise be ineligible to take a GCSE in November to be entered as a necessary reasonable adjustment. Please contact [Specialrequirements@wjec.co.uk](mailto:Specialrequirements@wjec.co.uk) for further information.

## Section 2: Level 1/Level 2 Vocational Awards and Global Business Communications

For all Vocational Awards, candidates may resit:

- internally assessed units once;
- externally assessed units twice.

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

Should candidates wish to enter any internally assessed unit for a third time or any externally assessed unit for a fourth 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.

Legacy Vocational Awards will have a final full assessment opportunity in Summer 2023 with a final resit opportunity for the external examination in January 2024, with the exception of

Level 1/Level 2 Creative and Media (Award and Certificate) which will have a resit opportunity for all units in summer 2024.

Legacy Vocational Awards are:

- 603/3068/5 Level 1/2 Vocational Award in Constructing the Built Environment (5909)
  - 600/5502/9 Level 1/2 Vocational Award in Creative and Media\* (9750)
  - 600/5533/9 Level 1/2 Vocational Certificate in Creative and Media\*(9750)
  - 601/0426/0 Level 1/2 Vocational Award in Designing the Built Environment (9820)
  - 600/8645/2 Level 1/2 Vocational Award in Engineering (9790)
  - 603/0769/9 Level 1/2 Vocational Award in Global Business Communication (French) (5839)
  - 603/1003/0 Level 1/2 Vocational Award in Global Business Communication (German) (5849)
  - 603/1004/2 Level 1/2 Vocational Award in Global Business Communication (Spanish) (5859)
  - 603/0858/8 Level 1/2 Vocational Award in Health and Social Care (5579)
  - 601/7703/2 Level 1/2 Vocational Award in Hospitality and Catering (5569)
  - 601/1271/2 Level 1/2 Vocational Award in Planning and Maintaining the Built Environment (9830)
  - 600/8330/X Level 1/2 Vocational Award in Retail Business (9780)
  - 603/2705/4 Level 1/2 Vocational Award in Sport and Coaching Principles (5829)
- \*resit opportunity for all units in Summer 2024.*

Level 1/2 Vocational Award in Constructing the Built Environment (9810) will have a last series in June 2024 with a resit for the external unit in June 2025. This qualification is not available to centres in England.

### **Section 3: Level 1/Level 2 Vocational Award (Technical Awards)**

Resitting units prior to certification

Candidates may resit each internally assessed unit prior to certification but cannot improve previously submitted work. The best uniform mark score from the attempts will be used in calculating the final overall grade. Candidates may resit the externally assessed unit prior to certification; however, this qualification has a 40% terminal requirement which must be satisfied by the externally assessed unit. Therefore, only the uniform mark score from the attempt made in the series in which the candidate is cashing in the qualification will be used in calculating the final overall grade, even if this is lower than the previous attempt.

Resitting units following certification

Candidates who are unhappy with the grade awarded for the qualification may choose to resit one or more units following certification. Where the candidate resits the externally assessed unit, only the uniform mark score from the resit attempt will be used in calculating the final overall grade, even if this is lower than the previous attempt. The candidate does not need to resit the internally assessed unit as marks for the internally assessed unit may be carried forward for the lifetime of the specification.

Where the candidate resits the internally assessed unit, the higher of the uniform mark score from either the initial attempt or the resit attempt will be used in calculating the overall grade. The candidate will also need to resit the externally assessed unit to satisfy the terminal rule requirement for the qualification and only the uniform mark score from the resit attempt will be used in calculating the final overall grade, even if this is lower than the previous attempt.

## Section 5: Applied Certificates, Diplomas and Extended Diploma (Level 3)

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 6: Welsh Baccaulaureate Skills Challenge Certificate

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 7: 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 8: 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 the internally assessed unit may be carried forward for the life of the specification. If a candidate resits the unit (rather than carrying forward the previous mark), it is the new mark that will count towards the overall grade, even if it is lower than a previous attempt.

Candidates may resit the externally assessed unit once only. The best grade of the two attempts in the external unit will be used for aggregation.

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

Learners will be allowed two resits for each external examination with the higher grade contributing to the award of the qualification.

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

Learners may resit the entire qualification multiple times.