

GCE Physical Education (8PE01/9PE01)

Guidance for seeking permission to offer additional activities

- activities not listed within the Internal assessment guide for GCE Physical Education (January 2009)
- activities that are listed but do not have published criteria within the Internal assessment guide for GCE Physical Education (January 2009)

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This document must be read in conjunction with page 91 of the GCE PE specification before applying to Pearson for approval to run additional/alternative activities.

Failure to seek approval may mean candidates cannot be formally assessed in their chosen activity.

General information

This process enables centres to deliver and assess practical activities in the role of player/participant, leader and/or official, not listed within the GCE Physical Education internal assessment guide, and/or are listed but do not have a content e.g. skills list and assessment criteria published to assess.

Activities listed within the Internal Assessment Guide but do not have activity specific assessment criteria

For activities listed within the internal assessment guide:

<http://www.edexcel.com/migrationdocuments/GCE%20New%20GCE/GCE-PE-Internal-Assessment-Guide.pdf> (pages 51-53), where content and assessment criteria are not included, centres should use the generic assessment criteria published within specification for the roles of performer, leader and official, for both AS and A2 levels of attainment.

Seeking approval to deliver a new activity

The following requirements must be met via the application process, therefore the activity:

- must have a recognised governing body
- must allow for candidates to provide the required compulsory evidence
- is appropriate to both male and female candidates
- is openly available to all candidates if requested
- must comply with all appropriate recommendations related to the safety of candidates as recognised by the British Association of Lecturers in Physical Education (BAALPE) and Safe Practice in Physical Education and Sport (afPE, 2012).

From September 2014, Pearson will allow candidates to be assessed in motorised activities provided they meet the requirements shown above.

Please note activities that are pre-approved for GCSE assessment, may not be approved for assessment for GCE Physical Education. The specifications associated with each of these qualifications have different requirements, and therefore certain activities may not be appropriate to enable candidates to fulfil the requirements of the specification.

The following activities will not be approved for assessment:

- Any activities that **do not** have a physiological basis for training.
- Any Activities which are primarily designed to introduce participants to a full sided version of the sport, e.g. Kwik cricket
- Any recreational table activities e.g. pool/snooker.
- Any activities undertaken for recreational / hobby / pastime purposes (such as angling / fishing)
- Any activity that seeks to injure opponents through attacking moves e.g. Mixed Martial Arts (MMA), Thai boxing.
 - However, if this activity enables candidates to be assessed through a points scoring system e.g. Points based kickboxing and fulfils the requirements of the specification an application would be reviewed.
- Any activities that do not comply with all the appropriate recommendations related to the safety of students as recognised by the Association of Physical Education in their publication 'Safe Practice in Physical Education and School Sport 2008'.

Pearson reserves the right to amend, modify or refuse applications for reasons not listed above.

A list of activities already approved by Pearson can be found within the Internal Assessment Guide: <http://www.edexcel.com/migrationdocuments/GCE%20New%20GCE/GCE-PE-Internal-Assessment-Guide.pdf>.

This list will be updated with new activities, and criteria published on the GCE Physical Education subject specific page:

<http://www.edexcel.com/quals/gce/gce08/pe/Pages/default.aspx>, once they have been approved.

Activities specifically developed for candidates with physical disabilities

Only candidates with a physical disability can be assessed as player/participant in such activities. However, these activities can be made available to all candidates in the role of Leader and/or Official.

For some ideas about activities which can be offered to candidates with physical disabilities please go to:

Paralympic movement - <http://www.paralympic.org/sports>
English Federation of Disability Sports - <http://www.efds.co.uk/>
Disability Sports - <http://www.disabled-world.com/sports/>

The activity must enable candidates to meet the requirement of the specification, and centres must still seek approval following the stated process.

The role of Leader/Official

Candidates can be assessed in these roles for additional activities.

Application Process

Pearson will process applications for new activities between **22nd April and 30th October** each year. This will be for activities to be delivered for the first time from September in that year. For example, if an activity will be delivered for the first time in September 2014, applications will only be processed between April 2014 and 30th October 2014.

Applications received after 30th October will not be processed until the following April. For example, any applications received from November 2014 onwards, where first teaching is shown as September 2014, will not be processed until April 2014 and first teaching cannot take place until September 2015.

Centres do not need to develop subject specific assessment criteria, once approved the published generic assessment criteria should be used.

Like the pre-approved activities within the internal assessment guide, the centre is expected to participate in the assessment of such activities, especially if these are activities not delivered on site by the centre. This is to ensure candidates are meeting the requirement of the specification.

Centres are required to complete an *'AA1 form – application form for additional activities'*

The AA1 form can be downloaded from the GCE PE subject page:

<http://www.edexcel.com/quals/gce/gce08/pe/Pages/default.aspx> under 'Additional activities'.

Please see page 8 for an examples of the form.

The form must be submitted by **30 October** of the academic year for first delivery. Pearson will acknowledge receipt of the application within 7 working days and confirm an outcome to the centre within 30 working days of receipt of an application. Please note if any pre-required information has not been provided this will delay the process. The form is to replace email/letter permission centres were required to submit.

Centres are not allowed to assess the activity/activities until receipt of confirmation from Pearson.

Once approval has been given by Pearson, this will be for the lifetime of the specification and the activity will be added to the approved activities list. Once this happens, centres are free to deliver this activity to their cohort without contacting the PE assessment team for permission.

However, Pearson reserve the right to amend, modify, withdraw or refuse an activity.

Applications received after 30 October **will not** be considered for that academic year. They will be processed from April in the following year.

Please note there is no guarantee that Pearson will approve additional/alternative activities therefore centres should apply as early as possible should different activities need to be selected for the specific candidates.

If there are any queries about this process, please contact the PE Assessment Team - physicaleducation@pearson.com or:

PE Assessment Team
Pearson
One90 High Holborn
London WC1V 7BH

Please note centres do not need approval to assess activities listed in the internal assessment guide, nor those listed on the approve additional activity list.

Frequently asked questions (FAQs)

What is the deadline to apply to run an alternative activity not listed within the internal assessment guide or on the approved additional activities list?

30 October in the academic year the activity will be first taught. Applications received after this date will not be processed until the April in the following year.

How long is the approval valid for?

Once approval has been given by Pearson, this will be for the lifetime of the specification. However, Pearson reserve the right to withdraw approval without notice.

My centre wants to apply to assess an activity not listed within the internal assessment guide what do I need to do?

Centres must apply using the appropriate form called AA1 – application to run additional activities with the required information by **30 October** in the year the activity will be first taught. The activity must not fall into any of the criteria listed below:

- Any activities that **do not** have a physiological basis for training.
- Any Activities which are primarily designed to introduce participants to a full sided version of the sport, e.g. quick cricket;
 - The exception to this are candidates being assessed in the role of leader and/or officials who can be assessed in these types of this activity.
- Any recreational table activities e.g. pool/snooker.
- Any activities undertaken for recreational / hobby / pastime purposes (such as walking, angling / fishing)
- Any activity that seeks to injure opponents through attacking moves e.g. Mixed Martial Arts (MMA), Thai boxing.
 - However, if this activity enables candidates to be assessed through a points scoring system e.g. Points based kickboxing or amateur boxing, Pearson may consider such applications.
- Any activities that do not comply with all the appropriate recommendations related to the safety of students as recognised by the Association of Physical Education in their publication 'Safe Practice in Physical Education and School Sport 2008'.

If there are concerns please contact the PE Assessment Team - physicaleducation@pearson.com.

My centre wants to deliver an activity shown on the activities list, what do we do?

Centres are free to deliver any activity shown on pages 51-53 of the internal assessment guide, and additional activities list on the GCE PE subject specific page:

<http://www.edexcel.com/quals/gce/gce08/pe/Pages/default.aspx> under the heading 'additional activities'

Can I deliver an activity without seeking permission from Pearson?

No, only activities within the internal assessment guide and approved activities list can be offered without permission from Pearson. To deliver an activity not shown on the approved in internal assessment guide or activities list please complete the AA1 form.

I was given permission to offer an activity not shown within the internal assessment guide or list on the approved activities list, what do I do?

Please email proof of permission to the PE assessment team and we will review. If approved we will add the activity to the approved activities list.

A nearby centre has been given approval to assess an activity not shown within the internal assessment guide. It's the same activity we want to assess our candidates in, what do we do?

Please check the additional activities list, if the activity is listed please use the relevant published generic criteria within our specification (pages 29-32 and 61-64).

Do centres need to apply to assess activities which are approved within the internal assessment guide and additional activities list?

No, all listed activities within the internal assessment guide and additional activities list are approved for all centres. Please use the relevant published generic assessment criteria within our specification.

I would like to assess my cohort in the role of Leader or Official for an activity only available to candidates with physical disabilities, is this possible?

Yes it is. If it's an activity we have already approved please use the relevant published generic assessment criteria within our specification.

Where can I get advice and support about the process and/or assessing activities in general?

Please contact the PE assessment team: physicaleducation@pearson.com or our Subject Advisor – Penny Lewis: [0844 576 0036](tel:08445760036) or teachingpeandsport@pearson.com or <http://www.edexcel.com/subjects/Physical-Education-Sport/Pages/Default.aspx>

Examples of AA1 form

1. Completing the AA1 form

You will need to complete a separate form for each activity you are applying for – even if the candidate(s) offering the activities are the same.

An example of the form can be found on page 8.

The form can be downloaded from the PE subject page:

<http://www.edexcel.com/quals/gce/gce08/pe/Pages/default.aspx> within the additional activities section.

Assessment Criteria for <<Insert title of activity>> GCE Physical Education (6PE02/6PE04) AA1 Form

Please use a separate form for each activity. The form must be returned to the PE Assessment Team – physicaleducation@pearson.com / PE Assessment Team, Pearson, One90 High Holborn, London, WC1V 7BH by **30th October** in the first year the activity will be delivered.

Centre information	Ref number: Pearson use only
Centre name:	Centre number:
Name of contact at centre:	Telephone: Email address:

Which role(s) will be offered in this activity?	Player/performer (✓) <input type="checkbox"/> Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Official <input type="checkbox"/>
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Requirements of additional activities

Please tick (✓) to confirm that the above activity meets the following requirements:

This activity:

- has a recognised governing body.
 prove the details of the governing body_____
- allows for candidates to provide the required compulsory evidence.
- is appropriate to both male and female candidates.
- is openly available to all candidates if requested.
- complies with all appropriate recommendations related to the safety of candidates as recognised by the British Association of Lecturers in Physical Education (BAALPE) and Safe Practice in Physical Education and Sport (afPE, 2012).

Please note if you are unable to tick a statement and/or provide the required information the activity will not be approved for delivery.

Candidates should be assessed using the published generic criteria for the relevant role. This can be found within the GCE Physical Education January 2009 Internal Assessment Guide:

<http://www.edexcel.com/migrationdocuments/GCE%20New%20GCE/GCE-PE-Internal-Assessment-Guide.pdf> or the current issue of the specification.

