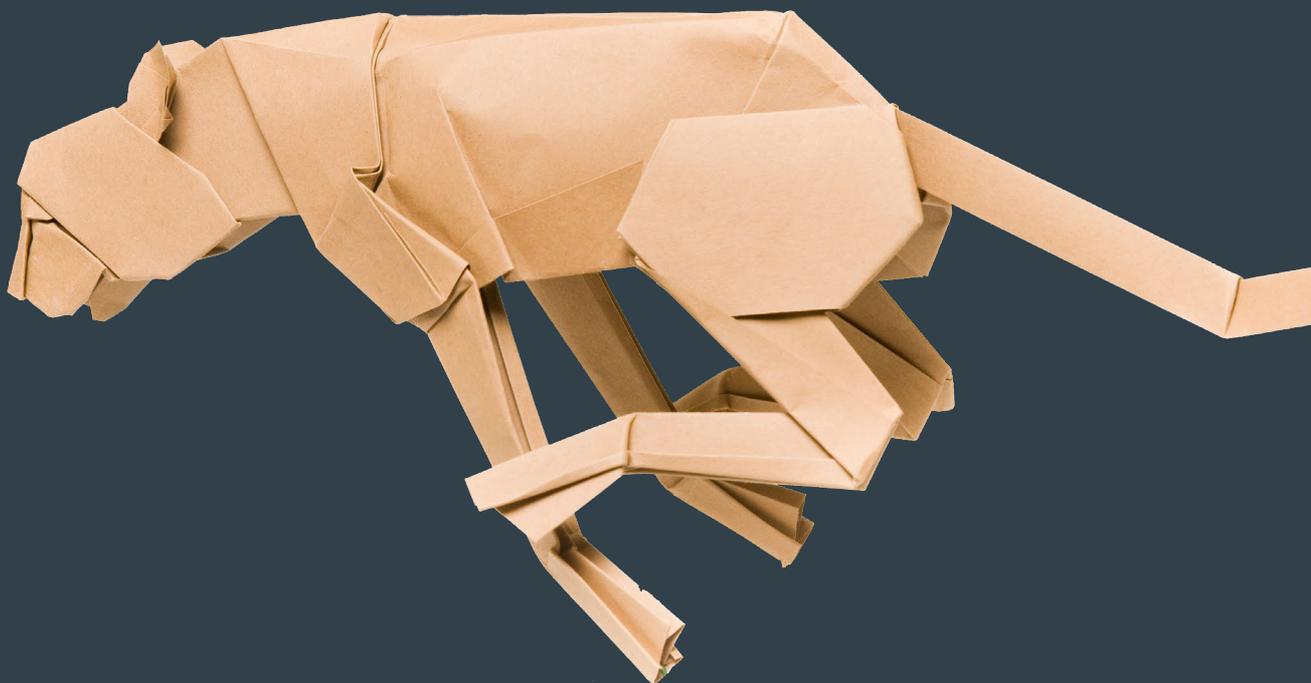




Pearson
Edexcel

A level Physical Education

Summer 2021 Assessment
FAQs





GCE Physical Education 2016

Frequently Asked Questions

Introduction

In response to the changes Ofqual have introduced to GCE in Physical Education, we have made some changes to our Pearson Edexcel GCE Physical Education qualification. The changes that have been made only apply to the summer 2021 examination series.

Here are some frequently asked questions that should help you understand what the changes mean for you.

What are the changes to the qualification?

The February Ofqual consultation outcomes confirms that exams will not go ahead as planned and a teacher-assessed grades approach will be used for all UK-regulated qualifications. Teachers will collate a 'basket of evidence' for pupils expecting to receive a grade this summer. The consultation stated that students were encouraged to continue with and complete any non-exam assessment but confirmed that learners who are unable to complete their NEA will not be penalised.

How have these changes affected the weightings of the Assessment Objectives?

The weighting of all components and assessment objectives remain unchanged. This means that students will still be assessed in line with previous years.

Are there any changes to the specification content for the summer 2021 assessment?

There are no changes to the content of the specification.

Will you be producing updated documents to reflect the qualification changes?

No. The minor adjustments to the qualification mean that our existing specification and sample assessment materials do not need to change.

What if I have not completed Non-exam assessment (NEA)?

The consultation also confirmed that students will only be assessed on the content that they have been taught, and that there will not be a requirement to assess a minimum



proportion of the course content. Students are encouraged to continue with and complete any non-exam assessment but confirmed that learners who are unable to complete their NEA will not be penalised.

Are Pearson going to publish new marking grids in light of Covid-19?

No. Our marking grids will not change for all activities and sports, and the new activities and sports, including sailing and water polo will also be included. By not changing the marking grids, we will ensure that all students are assessed against the same criteria.

N.B. The activities and sports recently added to the specification are not available for assessment until the summer of 2022.

How can we assess practical performances if National Governing Body guidance means we can't complete all the criteria in the marking grid?

It is currently possible for all activities and sports to be performed and assessed in some capacity. Where adaptations are required, for example reducing the number of participants in a team sport, teachers can make these changes, but must ensure they still allow candidates to exemplify the skills being assessed. It is also important to not change the rules or requirements for that activity or sport, e.g. moving 11 v 11 outdoor football into 5 v 5 indoor activity, which has different rules.

As all practical activities must adhere to the NGB guidance, it is the responsibility of all teachers to remain aware of the latest advice including any restrictions linked to location.

What about assessed practical performances completed before lockdown?

If you have already completed assessment on an activity or sport, these should be included as part of your basket of evidence. We do not expect you to create new video evidence of these assessments, nor do we need you to create any alternative evidence for these.

Do we need to provide video evidence for any activity we assessed prior to lockdown?

No. All activities observed and marked by teachers prior to lockdown can be used to form the marks in the basket of evidence.

How will component 3 be moderated?

There will not be any moderation for the Summer 2021 series.



However, we still recommend that video evidence, where practicable, is made and retained in case a quality review of TAG evidence is required.

Can we use external evidence from an external coach/instructor?

Yes, external evidence from an external coach/instructor can be used to inform teacher's overall TAG and as additional evidence to support the teacher's overall holistic judgement.

Will Component 4 be different in anyway?

No. There are currently no plans to change Component 4.

Will grading be different for Summer Assessment 2021 because of these changes?

No. We will continue to set grades for the qualification in line with previous years.

Where will I be able to find additional support materials?

We will post any updated support and guidance materials to our qualification webpage, and notifications of any new updates will be sent out to centres. We will also ensure that the most up to date information is shared through our Q&A events and through our subject advisor.

When will these be available?

To help you and support you through this we will provide you guidance on the following:

- Quality assurance - end of March
- Grading assessments - end of March
- Appeals training - end of April

When are you running support sessions?

We have confirmed support session focused on A level PE Summer 2021 assessment taking place at the following times:

- Wednesday 28 April 14:00 – 15:00
- Thursday 29 April 10:00 – 11:00
- Friday 30 April 13:00 -14:00



You can use the link [here](#) to select and register for the event you want to attend. You will then receive a confirmation email contacting more information about the session.

The content of each session is repeated so please only sign up for one session to allow as many people as possible to attend.

Will these changes remain for subsequent assessment series (i.e. Summer Assessment 2022 or beyond)?

Currently, the changes to these qualifications are only planned for the summer 2021 assessment.

Will student certificates look any different to previous exam series in 2021?

No. Our certificates will look the same as have for our previous series.

Can I request more information if I have questions relating to these changes?

Yes. If you have any questions relating to these FAQs, the changes to the qualification, or in relation to specific challenges relating to your centre, please contact the subject advisor using our support contact page as follows

You can contact Penny Lewis, PE Subject Advisor, via 03330 164 100; teachingpeandsport@pearson.com or the portal <https://support.pearson.com/uk/s/qualification-contactus>