



Pearson

Administrative Support Guide for Fieldwork

GCSE Geography



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Overview

Since fieldwork is an essential aspect of geography which ensures that young people are given the opportunity to consolidate and extend their achievement by relating learning to real experiences of the world, the DfE requires all GCSE (9-1) Geography specifications ensure fieldwork is carried out, outside the classroom and school grounds, on at least two occasions in at least two contrasting environments. Awarding Organisations are required to evidence this in the form of a written statement from centres (Fieldwork Statement), providing at least the date, location, numbers of students participating, the main issues/questions investigated during fieldwork, and the relationship of the fieldwork to the specification content.

This guide is to help centres to meet these requirements of Edexcel GCSE (9-1) specifications in relation to fieldwork

Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Geography A:

The fieldwork component is in Topic 7 (1GA0/03) and students carry out fieldwork as part of investigations into **one from two physical** environments in topic 7A: River landscapes OR coastal landscapes and **one from two human** environments in topic 7B: central/inner urban area OR rural settlements (see Specification A page 27).

Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Geography B:

The fieldwork component is in Topic 6 (1GB0/02) and students must carry out fieldwork as part of investigations into **one from two** physical environments (coastal change and conflict OR river processes and pressures) and **one from two** human environments (dynamic urban areas OR changing rural areas), see Specification B, page 17.

Fieldwork must take place outside the classroom and school/college grounds. It does not have to take place in the UK necessarily, but the examination for this component will always treat fieldwork within the context of the UK.

Authentication of Fieldwork

Centres must provide written confirmation that students entered for the qualification have completed their fieldwork investigation.

Head teachers must complete, sign and date the Fieldwork Statement which can be found in the specification (Appendix 1). The Fieldwork Statement form is also available at the end of this document. If you prefer an electronic version of this document, it can be downloaded from our website, [HERE](#) (the fieldwork form is the same for both Spec A and Spec B).

Completed forms should be sent electronically to TeachingGeography@pearson.com by **15th May each year of assessment**

Candidates must undertake fieldwork on at least two occasions. However, for candidates who are unable to undertake fieldwork due to **unforeseen circumstances**, a covering letter should be attached to the Fieldwork Statement with candidate details (full candidate names, candidate numbers and centre number). Centres must also submit a **Special Consideration** request for these candidates **via their Exams Officer**. For further guidance, see Administration and General Information section in the Specification.

Fieldwork Statement

Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in Geography		1GA0/1GB0	
Centre name:		Centre number:	
All candidates must carry out fieldwork, outside of the classroom and school grounds, on at least two occasions.			
Details of fieldwork			
Fieldwork occasion 1 Specification topic links: Fieldwork date: _____ Location: _____ Number of students: _____ Key issues/questions investigated:		Fieldwork occasion 2 Specification topic links: Fieldwork date: _____ Location: _____ Number of students: _____ Key issues/questions investigated:	

Head teacher declaration

I declare that the fieldwork occasions recorded above have been carried out in accordance with 2016 Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE Geography (9-1) fieldwork requirements.

Head teacher name:			
Head teacher signature:		Date:	