

# Your guide to the changes for 2021

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Following an [Ofqual consultation](#), we have made changes to a number of our qualifications.

The changes are designed to reduce the pressure on teachers and students in the 2020/21 academic year, and to safeguard against ongoing public health concerns.

Please use the [specification on our website](#) alongside this document which shows how our qualifications will differ in summer 2021.

## Overview of changes for AS Level Geology (H014)

Ofqual have confirmed students taking an AS Level in Geology in summer 2021 **can observe demonstrations and/or simulations of practical activities** to cover the required apparatus and techniques if they are unable to carry out practical work.

- All assessments remain the same.
- 15% of the marks on the assessment will still test the practical skills as detailed in module 1 of the specification.
- Centres are **not** required to submit a written statement confirming that they have given students the opportunity to undertake 2 mandatory days of fieldwork.

**It's important to note that these changes apply specifically to students on an AS Level only pathway.** Year 12 students on the first year of the A Level pathway should still be completing practical work towards the requirements for the Practical Endorsement.

The requirement for a written statement to confirm students have had the opportunity to undertake 2 mandatory days of fieldwork has been removed. You should still try and meet the fieldwork requirements if you can. The requirements can also be achieved in a local or lab setting rather than out on location.

If you are unable to meet the fieldwork requirements, you still need to teach the relevant techniques to your students as they will still be expected to answer questions about these in the examinations.

## Support

OCR's team of expert Subject Advisors has created videos, webinars, and other resources to guide you through these changes and help you prepare your students for their exams in summer 2021.

These resources can be found [here](#).

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