

R483 Entry Level Science

Assessment arrangements 2021

The following assessment arrangements have been made to ensure that Entry Level Science candidates are able to access points that contribute to their Points Total during the Covid-19 pandemic.

This only applies to candidates certificating in Summer 2021.

Practical Task

Any candidate who has already completed a Practical Task or who can complete a Practical Task safely within the Government's Covid-19 guidance may use the points obtained when calculating their total points.

For candidates that cannot, centres may use one of the six alternative Practical Tasks which do not require students to use equipment. Students will be expected to plan an investigation (Aspect A) and hand that to their teacher for marking. Having completed their plan, the teacher should then issue the information from the corresponding sheet which students use to complete the other Aspects of the Practical Task.

The tasks have been chosen to allow students of varying attainments to maximise their opportunities to be awarded points.

Centres can design their own task based on the style of the alternative Practical Tasks.

Can-Do Tasks

Each Can-Do Task will be worth 1 point. Candidates submit a maximum of 8 tasks.

End-of-Item Tests

For 2021, End of Item Tests will be worth 3 points. Candidates will be allowed to submit their best 24 tests. The submitted tests should include at least one from each Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

Please mark the tests as normal and then use the new table below to convert marks to points.

Converting marks to points				
Test mark	3-5	6-8	9-11	12-15
Points	1.0	1.5	2.0	3.0

Any previous completed tests should be given points as detailed in this table.



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