

A level Sciences, Practical Endorsement

Arrangements for candidates entered in June 2022

The following arrangements, for the June 2022 exam series, are as a result of the on-going public health situation, and are in the light of [recent Ofqual guidance](#).

June 2022 Practical Endorsement requirements

The modification to the practical endorsement for summer 2022 allows students to be awarded a Pass in the practical endorsement if they have demonstrated competence in all of the Common Practical Assessment Criteria (CPAC) routinely and consistently, even if they haven't completed the usual minimum requirement of 12 practical activities. You should still aim to cover all apparatus and techniques during practical work with your students, though they can still receive a pass in the practical endorsement if they have covered a majority of the apparatus and techniques.

The practical endorsement outcome for students with limited or no evidence of meeting the CPAC should be submitted as Not Classified.

Practical Endorsement monitoring

From September 2020, visits were conducted remotely due to the pandemic, and COVID restrictions disrupted our usual pattern of monitoring. This meant that some centres were monitored later than expected and, unusually, a very small number of centres were yet to pass monitoring before awarding took place in summer 2021.

We hope to complete all outstanding Cycle 3 monitoring as soon as possible. We then plan to commence monitoring for Cycle 4 in January 2022. While this is later than monitoring would usually start, we hope it gives you an opportunity to complete sufficient practical work assessment with your year 13 students prior to any monitoring taking place.

Monitoring for the 2021/22 academic year will continue to take place remotely until further notice. We will review this on a termly basis, with the aim of moving back to face-to-face visits when possible. In the meantime, we will aim to ensure that, if your centre received remote monitoring in Cycle 3, you are not also monitored remotely for Cycle 4, though this may not be possible depending on circumstances.

Year 12 students

The AS modifications allowing for students to view videos or demonstrations as an alternative to carrying out practical work applies solely to students on the AS-only pathway, for AS entry in summer 2022. Students in the first year of their A Level studies should still be working towards the usual Practical Endorsement requirements and **viewing videos or demonstrations cannot be used as a substitute for demonstrating competence in the CPAC** for these students.