



Examination Attendance Policy 2022

Exam board Guidance

The examination boards have provided guidance on how grades will be awarded this summer and what the attendance requirements are in order to be awarded a grade. For the purpose of the following information, WJEC will follow the same guidance as the OFQUAL exam boards. As examination boards can only base grades on evidence supplied (ie components completed) the fewer components covered, the less likely it is an individual's full potential will be reflected in the grade awarded. Students are therefore advised to attend as many components as they are able.

How will CAIE award exam grades?

In order to be awarded a grade this summer, all students must have completed at least one assessed component of work. This will mean for those subjects that follow a 100% examination route, the students must sit at least one exam. If students have not completed at least one course component, CAIE have confirmed that they will not be able to award a grade. Instead, affected students will need to be re-entered to sit the qualification in the November 2022 series. Students sitting A2 examinations must have completed at least one A2 component in order to be eligible to be awarded a grade.

How will OFQUAL exam boards award grades?

OFQUAL exam boards have put COVID mitigations in place, which means that exams are at least 10 days apart for the same qualification. This should mean that any students who are affected by COVID-19 during the exams will still be able to attend and complete at least one exam for any specific qualification. In order for a student to be awarded a grade, they must sit at least 25% of the course as a minimum requirement.

What to do in case of an absence?

If a student is to be absent from an exam for any extenuating circumstances, the school will need to be informed **at least 1hr before the exam start time**. When informing the school, it is important that you provide a reason for any absence, as we will be required inform the exam boards via the completion of a Special Considerations form. This will also support with ensuring we are not having to chase up any unknown absence which may lead to the exams starting late.



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Contact details:

If a student is absent on the day of an exam please contact BHSEnquiries@sch.im at least one hour before the due start time.

If you have any questions specific to the running of examinations please contact BHSExams@sch.im.

FAQs

Does this mean that the exams are guaranteed to go ahead?

No, CAIE have confirmed their exams will go ahead, and we have had confirmation that IOM Schools will be sitting them. OFQUAL exams are due to go ahead and we expect them to do so. However, we can't guarantee it.

What will students be assessed on?

Students have been provided with information from their subject teachers as to what components will be examined. All OFQUAL exams have had Advanced Information provided, listing topics that will be assessed in the exams.

Can students displaying signs of COVID-19 attend exams?

No, the guidance is very clear that students who are presenting symptoms of COVID-19 can't attend. Even in a separate isolated venue.

Can the contingency assessments students have completed, be used as evidence if they miss the exams?

No, all examination boards are clear that they will not accept a mixed economy and all students must be entered via the exam route.

Do you require a Doctor's note for an exam absence?

Whilst a Doctor's note could be beneficial under some circumstances, they will not be provided for COVID-19 and the IOM Government are not providing PCR tests for the purpose of examinations. As stated earlier, CAIE will not award a grade unless at least one component has been completed, irrespective of the reason for absence. OFQUAL exam boards will require 25% of the course to have been examined in order to award a grade.