

ALTERNATIVE AWARDING ARRANGEMENTS 2021



CCEA OCCUPATIONAL STUDIES, ENTRY LEVEL AND VOCATIONALLY RELATED QUALIFICATIONS

- CCEA's Occupational Studies, Entry Level and Vocationally Related qualifications are usually assessed through internal assessments. Due to the ongoing disruption, there will be no formal internal assessments for these qualifications in 2021.
- Students' grades (or levels) in each of these qualifications will be based on the professional assessment of their school or college on the evidenced standard at which students are performing in the content they have covered. These professional assessments will be known as Centre Determined Grades.
- Students will continue with as much of their education as possible during this academic year. It is important that all students continue to engage with their learning.
- Schools and colleges will receive support, guidance and training from CCEA during February to April 2021 to help them to make fair and accurate judgements for the Centre Determined Grade.
- Teachers will continue to gather a range of evidence of the standard of each student's work during both the current period of remote learning and when students return to school.
- The range of evidence used to inform the Centre Determined Grade may be from any time during the course and must demonstrate knowledge, understanding and skills from areas students have covered within the specification.
- Schools and colleges will submit their initial Centre Determined Grades to CCEA towards the end of May 2021.
- CCEA will carry out an external quality assurance, which will include review of students' work, across all schools and colleges throughout June 2021.
- Every summer, the issue of results dates for Occupational Studies and Vocationally Related qualifications are aligned with that of GCSE. In the same way, the Certificate of Personal Effectiveness (CoPE) results date is aligned with that of AS/A level results. This alignment will continue for summer 2021 to ensure no learner is disadvantaged.
- CCEA will advise schools of the issue of results date for its Entry Level qualifications. Your school or college will be able to provide more information.
- Students will have the right to appeal to their schools and colleges, and to CCEA.