**A level Biology, Chemistry, Geology & Physics Practical Endorsement**

**Arrangements for candidates entered in June 2021**

The following arrangements, for the June 2021 exam series, are as a result of the on-going public health situation, and in the light of [recent Ofqual guidance](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/965005/6747-1_decisions_-_GQ_consultation_on_awarding_grades_in_2021.pdf).

**June 2021 Practical Endorsement requirements**

The arrangements for awarding the Practical Endorsement in June 2021 were modified earlier in the academic year. These modifications allow students to be awarded a Pass in the Practical Endorsement if they have evidence against all elements of the Common Practical Assessment Criteria (CPAC), even if they haven’t completed the usual minimum requirement of 12 practicals or covered all of the required apparatus and techniques.

There must be evidence that a student has been assessed in all of the CPAC statements for a Pass to be awarded. Students should ideally have demonstrated competence at least once for each CPAC statement. However, students whose pattern of practical work over the two-year A level indicates that they were clearly on course to demonstrate competence may also be awarded a Pass.

Students with limited or no evidence of practical work meeting the CPAC Pass standard should be marked as Not Classified.

The deadline for submitting Practical Endorsement outcomes is being extended to the grade submission deadline of 18th June, to allow for the maximum amount of time to complete additional practical work.

**Practical Endorsement monitoring**

Remote monitoring of the Practical Endorsement will continue, forming part of the external quality assurance process for this academic year.

Centres who have yet to be monitored during Cycle 3 of monitoring (September 2019–June 2021) will be monitored remotely. If you did not receive a visit during 2019-20, and have not received or been contacted about remote monitoring this academic year, you should contact your awarding organisation.

**Disruption of practical work for Year 12 students**

We appreciate that, for many centres, the pandemic has impacted on the amount of practical work that Year 12 students have been able to complete. This issue is under discussion by the Awarding Bodies and Ofqual, and further guidance for students entering into the June 2022 series will be issued at a later date. Until this further guidance is available, we recommend that centres should **continue to carry out practical work with Year 12 students where possible**.