Cambridge Assessment
International Education

Covid-19 exemptions for March* and June 2021

*Please note that only a selection of the syllabuses below are available in March 2021

A note on understanding component numbers

Where a component number has two digits, the first digit is the component number. This corresponds to the paper number in the syllabus. For example, component 1 is usually called 'paper 1' in the syllabus. The second digit allows us to distinguish between variants of the component. For example, components 11, 12 and 13 are all component 1.

Your Cambridge Guide to Making Entries lists the correct component variant for your administrative zone. Exams officers can download their entry guide from Cambridge International Direct. If you are a parent or candidate contact your school with any questions.

Syllabus code	Syllabus title	Component
Cambridge IGCSE		
English Language & Literature		
0475	Literature in English‡	11,12,13,21,22,23,31,32, 33,41,42,43,05
0992	Literature in English‡	05, 12, 22, 32, 42
0427	Literature in English (US) ‡	01, 02, 03
0510	Second Language English (speaking endorsement)	31,32,33,41,42,43
0991	Second Language English (count-in speaking)	31,32,41,42, 51,52
0511	Second Language English (count-in speaking)	31,32,33, 41,42,43, 51,52, 53
0993	Second Language English (speaking endorsement)	31,32, 41,42
0465	Second Language English Core (Egypt)	02
Sciences		
0467	Biology	06
0610	Biology	51, 52, 53, 61, 62, 63
0970	Biology	51, 52, 61, 62
0468	Chemistry	06
0620	Chemistry	51, 52, 53, 61, 62, 63
0971	Chemistry	51, 52, 61, 62
0653	Combined Science	51, 52, 53, 61, 62, 63
0654	Co-ordinated Science	51, 52, 53, 61, 62, 63
0973	Co-ordinated Science	51, 52, 61, 62
0648	Food & Nutrition	02
0469	Physics	06

0625	Physics	51, 52, 53, 61, 62, 63
0972	Physics	51, 52, 61, 62

Languages		
0548	Afrikaans Second Language	02
0544	Arabic	11,12,13,03
0538	Bahasa Indonesia	03
0523	Chinese Second Language (with compulsory speaking)	02,03
0515	Dutch	01,03
0520	French	11,12,13,03
7156	French	11,12,03
0525	German	11,12,13,03
7159	German	12, 03
0543	Greek	01,03
0549	Hindi as a Second Language	02
0545	Indonesian	03
0535	Italian	11,12,13,03
7164	Italian	12,03
0546	Malay	03
0547	Mandarin Chinese	11,12,13,03
0540	Portuguese	03
0530	Spanish	11,12,13,03
7160	Spanish	12, 03
0262	Swahili	02
0539	Urdu as a Second Language	02

Humanities and Social Sciences		
0457	Global Perspectives	03
0460	Geography	03, 41, 42, 43
0976	Geography	03, 42

Creative and professional		
0400	Art & Design	01, 02
0989	Art & Design	01, 02
0478	Computer Science	21,22,23
0984	Computer Science	21,22
0445	Design & Technology	02
0979	Design & Technology	02
0411	Drama †	02
0994	Drama †	02
0454	Enterprise	02
0417	ICT †	21,22,31,32
0983	ICT †	21,22,31,32
0410	Music †	02,03
0978	Music †	02,03
0413	Physical Education	02
0995	Physical Education	02
0471	Travel & Tourism	03

Cambridge O Level		
English Language and Literature		
1120	English Language (Brunei)	03
2010	Literature in English‡	12,13,22,23
Sciences		
5090	Biology	31, 32, 61, 62
5070	Chemistry	31, 32, 41, 42
6065	Food & Nutrition	02
5054	Physics	31, 32, 41, 42
Languages		
1201	Bahasa Melayu (Brunei)	03
3015	French	01
Humanities and Social Sciences		
2069	Global Perspectives	03
Creative and professional		
6090	Art & Design	01,02
2210	Computer Science	21,22
6043	Design & Technology	02
6130	Fashion and Textiles	03
7096	Travel & Tourism	03
Cambridge International AS & A Level		
Sciences		
9700	Biology	31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 51, 52, 53
9701	Chemistry	31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 51, 52, 53
9702	Physics	31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 51, 52, 53
Languages		
9716	French (A Level only)	01
8682	French Language (AS Level Only)	01
9717	German (A Level only)	01
8683	German Language (AS only)	01
9719	Spanish (A Level only)	01
8685	Spanish Language (AS Level only)	01
9718	Portuguese (A Level only)	01
8684	Portuguese Language (AS Level only)	01
Humanities and Social Sciences		
9239	Global Perspectives	03
Creative and Professional		
9479	Art & Design †	01,02
9608	Computer Science	21,22,23,41,42,43
9618	Computer Science (from 2021)	41,42,43
9481	Digital Media & Design †	01,02

9482	Drama †	02,03
9626	Information Technology †	02,04
9607	Media Studies	01,03
9483	Music †	02,03,04,05
9396	Physical Education	02, 04
9395	Travel & Tourism	02

† Exemption from more than one component

We understand that syllabuses marked † may require exemption from more than one component, due to the practical challenges of teaching or assessment – corresponding to Reason Codes A and B on the Covid-19 Exemption application form. In these cases, we are permit these combinations of exemptions – as indicated by †

This must not take the amount of assessed content down to 0%, or 0% of International A Level components (which are also known as the 'A2' components).

For example, in Cambridge IGCSE Information and Communication Technology (0417) candidates are entered for Paper 1 (Theory), Paper 2 (Document Production, Data Manipulation and Presentations) and Paper 3 (Data Analysis and Website Authoring). Both Paper 2 and Paper 3 are on the list of Covid-19 exemptions. If it is not possible to take these assessments, candidates can be exempted from Paper 2, or Paper 3, or both Paper 2 and Paper 3. This is acceptable because all candidates must still take Paper 1.

In Cambridge IGCSE Art & Design (0400), candidates are entered for Component 1 (coursework) and Component 2 (Externally Set Assignment). Both components are on the list of Covid-19 exemptions. If it is not possible to take these assessments, candidates can be exempted from Component 1 or Component 2. It is not possible to exempt candidates from both components, because this would take the amount of assessed content down to 0%.

‡ Exemptions for Literature syllabuses

For the syllabuses marked ‡ there are no compulsory components, and you can apply before 17 April 2021 for candidates to be exempt from **one** component that you have not been able to teach.