



Overview of changes to Additional Applied Science

Comparison of the draft Additional Applied Science specification to the current Additional Applied Science specification.

	What stays the same	What changes
Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The course can be taught as modular or linear. Externally assessed units are tiered – Foundation and Higher tier. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of externally assessed Units reduces from six to two. Both Units are mandatory, and have mixed science content. Unit weightings have been altered – externally assessed units are weighted at 20% each. Controlled Assessment replaces coursework, now 60% weighting.
Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work Related Portfolio still contains Standard Procedures, Suitability Test and Work Related Report. Popular contexts from original modules AP1, AP2, AP3, AP4 and AP6 are retained and updated. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Content is organised into two new units, 'Science in Society' and 'Science of Materials and Production'. Current module AP5: (Communications) is removed.
Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> January and June assessments are available. Controlled Assessment available in June series only. Format of examined units remains the same (structured questions). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New terminal and re-sit rules apply to all science GCSEs. There will be a choice of Controlled Assessment tasks set by OCR, some of which can be adapted by the Centre. Controlled Assessment is worth 120 marks. Each examined unit is worth 50 marks and is of one hour duration. Quality of written communication (QWC) will be assessed in all units.