

Summer 2022 GCSE Examination Changes

SUBJECT: GCSE Music

Examining Board : OCR

There are changes to this qualification based on the outcomes of the [Ofqual consultation](#) on NEA arrangements for summer 2022.

Overview of changes for GCSE (9–1) Music

Ofqual have confirmed that students taking GCSE Music in summer 2022 will have a reduction in NEA requirements for performing and composing.

- The practical component is being removed.
- The integrated portfolio will remain.
- Only one performance piece and one composition are now required as part of the integrated portfolio.
- There will no longer be a requirement for an ensemble performance piece, although they may still be submitted.
- The minimum durations will be reduced for both performance and composition.

GCSE (9–1) Music for academic year 2021/22

Students must complete Integrated portfolio (01 or 02) and Listening and appraising (05) to be awarded GCSE in Music in summer 2022.

There are two submission options, postal submission or electronic upload via the OCR repository.
Repository option: Learners must take (01) and (05).

Postal option: Learners must take (02) and (05).

Content overview

Performance on the learner's chosen instrument.
Composition to a brief set by the learner.

Listening and appraising. A written paper, with CD.
Aural recognition and context unheard/unfamiliar music from within areas of study 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Assessment overview

Integrated portfolio (01 or 02)
60 marks
Non-exam assessment
60% of total GCSE

Listening and appraising (05)
80 marks
1 hour and 30 minutes written paper
40% of total GCSE

- We have removed practical component (03) and (04).

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- The integrated portfolio will be weighted up to be worth 60% of the qualification rather than 30%.
- The total length of performance required is a minimum of 1.5 minutes. If including ensemble, it must be 2 minutes.
- Learners may perform several short pieces to meet the minimum duration.
- The total length of composing required is a minimum of 2 minutes.

What has changed?

Specification

Integrated portfolio

The integrated portfolio is now the only NEA component required, consisting of one performance and one composition of the learner's choice.

Score/lead sheet requirements remain as normal.

The mark will be weighted up to 60% rather than 30% of the overall qualification.

Practical component

This component has been removed.

Minimum performance durations reduced

Performance: 1.5 minutes (2 mins if including ensemble).

Learners may still perform multiple pieces to meet the performance minimum duration.

Composition: 2 minutes. As the integrated portfolio is the sole NEA component for summer 2022, this is a learner choice composition.

Students must still meet these reduced minimum durations.