

NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2024

UNIT 5 – PRACTICAL EXAMINATION

As detailed in Circular no. 29: there has been an amendment to the specifications for GCE Biology, GCE Chemistry and GCE Physics for summer 2024 onwards. Candidates will be given a list of the main topic areas to be assessed in the Unit 5 – Practical Examination prior to the assessment.

This information will be provided in the “Instructions to teachers / exams officers” documents which will be despatched to centres in January. The relevant page in the documents should be copied and given to candidates as soon as possible after receipt. The information will also be published on the WJEC GCE Science web pages.

The key dates for all the Unit 5 examinations can be found on the WJEC GCE Science web pages.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING TRAINING COURSES

Free online summer 2023 exam feedback CPD sessions have now all taken place earlier in the autumn. PowerPoints for all the GCE Sciences and Level 3 Medical Science are now available in English and Welsh on the secure website in the CPD folder.

Online CPD events designed to give teachers a range of approaches that could be used to improve the teaching of some of the more difficult concepts in the WJEC GCE Biology, Chemistry and Physics specifications will be held during January and February 2024. The 1.5hour sessions will focus on why learners find certain concepts difficult and highlight ways in which they can be made more accessible.

30/01/24 16:00-17:30 [Teaching approaches for WJEC GCE Biology](#)

06/02/24 16:00-17:30 [Teaching approaches for WJEC GCE Chemistry](#)

20/03/24 16:00-17:30 [Teaching approaches for WJEC GCE Physics](#)

LEVEL 3 MEDICAL SCIENCE

Our revised qualification in Medical Science has been submitted to DfE and Ofqual for approval for first teaching from September 2025.

We’re currently awaiting feedback on our proposals and expect to be able to update centres further early in the new year.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING TRAINING COURSES

Full-day, face-to-face CPD courses designed for practitioners teaching the **WJEC Medical Science specifications** will be held during January 2024. These sessions are designed to give teachers a range of approaches that could be used to improve the teaching of some of the more difficult concepts in the Level 3 Medical Science qualifications, including the units assessed by NEA. Sessions will focus on why learners find certain concepts difficult and highlight ways in which they can be made more accessible.

23/01/24 Cardiff 09:30-15:30 [Events for 23/01/2024 \(ticketsolve.com\)](https://ticketsolve.com)

24/01/24 Swindon 09:30-15:30 [Events for 24/01/2024 \(ticketsolve.com\)](https://ticketsolve.com)

For those unable to attend the full-day face-to-face days, online CPD courses designed for practitioners teaching the **WJEC Medical Science specifications** will be held during February 2024. The 2hour sessions are designed to give teachers a range of approaches that could be used to improve the teaching of some of the more difficult concepts in the Level 3 Medical Science qualifications, including the units assessed by NEA. Sessions will focus on why learners find certain concepts difficult and highlight ways in which they can be made more accessible.

05/02/24 16:00-18:00 Teaching approaches to Units 1, 2 and 3 Level 3 Medical Science

26/02/24 16:00-18:00 Teaching approaches to Units 4, 5 and 6 Level 3 Medical Science