

Year 10 Science Examiner Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Year 10 exam?

This exam will be offered to schools across the UK, and has been designed to help track students' progress and provide students with a motivating mock experience of the new 9-1 GCSEs.

When will the exams take place?

In May 2017, before the summer exam series starts

Is this an ongoing service or a one-off?

This is a one-off. We're only offering this service in 2017.

How many papers will there be?

Each student will sit three papers: separate Biology, Chemistry and Physics papers. Tiered entry is available, so students can be entered for Higher or Foundation.

What content will be covered?

Each student will sit 3 papers; Biology, Chemistry and Physics, which will be available at both Higher and Foundation tier. The content covered will be from the Combined Science specification only. This content will be drawn from Biology 1, Chemistry 1 and Physics 1.

What is the selection procedure?

In order to be eligible to apply, you will need to hold a degree and teaching qualification.

You will be a Newly Qualified Teacher in your first year of teaching the relevant subject and qualification (e.g. GCSE Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Science)

OR

You will be an experienced teacher and have at least one full years teaching experience within the relevant subject and qualification (e.g. GCSE Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Science), in the last 8 years

How do I apply?

Applications will need to be made online at **www.edexcel.com/aarecruitment**

Your form will be reviewed by our recruitment team and references will be requested. Successful applicants will then receive notification that they are on our register of available Year 10 Science Examiners. This can take up to 4-6 weeks - however this obviously will depend on the volume of applications we receive.

Please be aware that you will need to provide two referees in your application form, and that requests will automatically be emailed to them when you submit your application for processing. Referees will need to cover the last 12 months and must be in positions more senior than yours (for example, your University Tutor, Head of Department, Deputy Head or Head Teacher).

I have already worked as a GCSE Science Examiner for Pearson. Do I need to reapply?

If you would like to be considered to mark the Year 10 Science exam, and have worked as a GCSE Science Examiner with Pearson in the last two years, then you will not need to submit an application. Please email aaresourcing@pearson.com for further information.

What would my time commitment be?

Before marking you must attend a standardisation event held either face-to-face or online, for which you will receive payment.

After this meeting you will have approximately three weeks to complete marking. An average allocation should take between 35 and 45 hours to mark.

When would I need to be available?

The marking period will be in August 2017. You will need to be trained/standardised and planning for the marking window will begin in May 2017.

Where does the marking take place?

Usually at home, either with traditional scripts or online using our ePen system.

What is ePen?

ePen is our onscreen marking software which allows you to mark responses to exam questions online.

What are the system requirements for using ePen?

To use ePen you will need to be running one of following operating systems: Windows XP Professional, Windows XP Home Edition, Windows Vista and Windows 7. Unfortunately Apple Macintosh computers are not supported. You will also need Internet Explorer version 6 or 7. Other browsers (including Opera, Safari, Firefox, AOL browser, Symbian and Google Chrome) are not currently supported. Please see our System Requirements document to find out more.

If I need more information who should I contact?

Please call the AA Helpdesk for enquiries on 0800 169 9202.