Dear Private Candidate

**Cambridge June 2021 exam series: ‘Covid-19 exemption’ information for Private Candidates**

Cambridge has announced that private candidates can apply *to not sit some components* in the June 2021 exam series if your learning has been disrupted by Covid-19.

These applications are called ‘Covid-19 exemptions’ and the eligible components include practical examinations for science and ICT subjects, and some speaking and listening tests for language subjects. *Not all subjects available in June 2021 have components which are eligible for Covid-19 exemptions.* The full list of eligible subjects and components can be found [here](https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/Images/603764-covid-19-exemptions-for-march-and-june-2021.pdf):

You can apply for a Covid-19 exemption if your learning was disrupted because the component required:

* access to facilities and equipment that has not been possible due to Covid-19 disruption, e.g. instruments, laboratories, studios, audio visual equipment, sports facilities, specific software, specialist material.
* working with others, e.g. in pairs, groups or teams, which have not been possible due to Covid-19 disruption.

You will *not* be required to submit any evidence to The British Council or Cambridge to prove your learning has been disrupted by Covid-19.

**Next Steps:**

1. It is important that you now make your entries for the June 2021 exam series as normal with The British Council.
2. If your entries include exemption components listed by Cambridge, you can then apply to The British Council to be exempt from sitting these components.

Your application must be submitted to The British Council before our deadlines, which we will advertise soon.

If Cambridge approves your application, then it is important that you must sit the remaining components in the subject. If you’re absent for the other components then Cambridge cannot award you a grade.

**Understanding and accepting the risks of applying for Covid-19 exemptions:**

If Cambridge approves your application, then your final grade will be decided based on your performance in the component(s) that you *do* sit.

Therefore, there are risks with Covid-19 exemptions which you must understand before you apply:

* If you underperform in the components you sit, then you may receive a lower overall grade than if you took all the components.
* If you’re absent from sitting a remaining component (e.g. you’re ill, you need to self-isolate, or there’s a lockdown on the day of the exam) there may not be sufficient evidence for Cambridge to award a final grade. You would therefore receive ‘NO RESULT’ for this subject.

**Applying for a Covid-19 exemption**

Remember, you can only apply for an exemption for the syllabuses and components that Cambridge has [published](https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/Images/603764-covid-19-exemptions-for-march-and-june-2021.pdf).

You must apply using the form provided by The British Council, which will be available soon. Applications received after the published deadline will not be forwarded to Cambridge.

We will provide more information soon, including the application form, and the deadline when we must hear back from you. You can find more information on Cambridge’s June 2021 series [here](https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/covid/june-2021-exam-series/).

Kind regards

The British Council