2027 candidate record form

A-level Geography NEA – Independent fieldwork investigation (7037/C)

Complete a Candidate Record Form (CRF) for every candidate. For candidates in the moderation sample, upload the CRF with their NEA through Centre Marks Submission.

Centre number _____ Centre name _____

Candidate number _____ Candidate name _____

Notice to Candidates

1. The work you submit for assessment must be your own.
You must not plagiarise. This means you must not take someone else's words, thoughts, ideas or outputs and try to pass them off as your own.

2. You must clearly reference all your sources.
If you have used any material to create ideas for your work (like a book, journal or internet search) you must reference this, even if you haven't used exactly the same words or phrases in your own work. You must make clear which part, element or phrase you have used and say where it came from. If you receive help and guidance from someone other than your teacher, you must tell your teacher. They will then record the assistance given to you.

3. You must clearly acknowledge and reference any use of AI.
Sometimes you are allowed to use an AI tool to create your NEA. You must keep a copy of the original question(s) and any AI generated content you used, for example, a screenshot with a short explanation of how you used it. You must acknowledge the name of the AI tool used; the date the content was generated and the sources used by the AI tool in generating the content.
You need to hand this in with your final work so your teacher can check the AI content and how you used it.

4. You must keep your work confidential.
You can only share the work you submit for assessment with your teacher(s). You must not share it with anyone else, and you must not post it online.

5. The work you submit for assessment must be produced under the conditions set out in the specification.
Each qualification has a specific set of conditions. Your teacher will have explained the level of supervision and control necessary for this assessment.

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If there is anything you don't understand, please speak to your teacher before you sign the form below.

Candidate Declaration

I have read and understood the Notice to Candidates above. I declare that the work submitted for this assessment:

1. is my own work
2. has clearly referenced all sources
3. has clearly acknowledged any use of AI
4. has been kept confidential
5. has been produced under the conditions set out in the specification.

I understand that if I make a false declaration this is a form of malpractice.

We may use examples of candidate's work for standardisation or training purposes. Please see our privacy notice for more information on how we use assessment data and on your rights under data privacy legislation.

If there is anything you don't understand, please speak to your teacher before you sign the form.

Candidate signature _____ Date _____

Notice to Teachers

You must keep a copy of the Candidate Declaration on file until the deadline for requesting a review of results has passed or until any appeal, malpractice or other results enquiry has been completed, whichever is later. This may be subject to inspection by a AQA and/or a JCQ Centre Inspector.

Before signing this declaration, please ensure you have read and understood the guidance produced by JCQ on authenticating candidates' work, marking candidates' work and internal standardisation. Please also ensure that you are familiar with the candidate's general standard of work.

Teacher Declaration

I confirm that:

- all reasonable steps were taken, including steps to mitigate the risk of AI misuse, to make sure the work submitted is solely that of the candidate concerned
- to the best of my knowledge, where sources have been used that they are referenced
- to the best of my knowledge where the candidate has used AI, it has been used and acknowledged appropriately
- any help given to the candidate has been recorded below
- to the best of my knowledge the work has been kept confidential (when with the candidate) and has been securely stored by the centre (when appropriate to the assessment)
- the candidate's work was conducted under the required conditions detailed in the specification
- the marking was carried out according to the mark scheme and AI was not used as the sole form of marking; I have reviewed the work in its entirety and determined the final mark
- internal standardisation was carried out to ensure all candidates have been assessed against the same standard.

I understand that a false declaration is a form of malpractice.

Details of assistance given

Teacher signature _____ Date _____

NEA proposal
To be completed by the candidate

Investigation title _____

How the title links to the specification content

Planned investigation hypothesis or question/sub-questions

Investigation focus – indication of how the enquiry will enable the candidate to address the investigation title and explore the theme in relation to the chosen geographical area

Planned methodology – indication of qualitative and/or quantitative techniques including primary and, if relevant, secondary data collection techniques. Indication of the planned sampling strategy or strategies

Data collection ☐ Individual

☐ Group

To be completed by the teacher

Teacher approval for the investigation or details of any necessary amendments that need to be made before approval can be given

Status ☐ Individual Approved

☐ Approved subject to implementation of amendments above

☐ Resubmission required

Full name _____

Teacher signature _____ Date _____

Summary of marks

To be completed by the teacher. Marks must be awarded in accordance with the instructions and criteria in the specification.

Area	Level	Overall level	Mark	Comment
Area 1 Introduction and preliminary research (10 marks) (a) To define the research questions which underpin field investigations (AO3)				
(b) To research relevant literature sources and understand and write up the theoretical or comparative context for a research question (AO3)				
Area 2 Methods of field investigation (15 marks) (a) To observe and record phenomena in the field and devise and justify practical approaches taken in the field including frequency/timing of observation, sampling, and data collection approaches (AO3)				
(b) To demonstrate practical knowledge and understanding of field methodologies appropriate to the investigation of human and physical processes (AO3)				
(c) To implement chosen methodologies to collect data/information of good quality and relevant to the topic under investigation (AO3)				

Area	Level	Overall level	Mark	Comment
Area 3 Methods of critical analysis (20 marks) (a) To demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the techniques appropriate for analysing field data and information and for representing results, and show ability to select suitable quantitative or qualitative approaches and to apply them (AO3)				
(b) To demonstrate the ability to interrogate and critically examine field data in order to comment on its accuracy and/or the extent to which it is representative, and use the experience to extend geographical understanding (AO3)				
(c) To apply existing knowledge, theory and concepts to order and understand field observations (AO2)				
Area 4. Conclusions, evaluation and presentation (15 marks) (a) To show the ability to write up field results clearly and logically, using a range of presentation methods. (AO3)				
(b) To evaluate and reflect on fieldwork investigations, explain how the results relate to the wider context and show an understanding of the ethical dimensions of field research. (AO3)				
(c) To demonstrate the ability to write a coherent analysis of fieldwork findings in order to answer a specific geographical question and to do this drawing effectively on evidence and theory to make a well-argued case. (AO3)				
		Total mark (max 60)		

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