

**Component 1: Individual Research**

Weighting: **40 %**

Raw mark: **80**

Nature of assessment: **Internal (Individual)**

Candidates carry out research based on two topic areas and submit an Individual Research report on each topic.

Candidates present their research findings based on their investigation of two topics.

For each topic, candidates should:

- set an appropriate question to research
- identify the key issues in the context of the chosen topic
- show understanding of the different perspectives on the issues at personal, local/national and global levels
- analyse and evaluate the issues, giving evidence to show understanding of the current situation and the possible causes
- identify and evaluate possible future scenarios and identify and develop possible courses of action
- give evidence that they have used and synthesised a range of resources
- provide an evidence-based personal response that explains what they have learned and how it has affected their personal perspective
- provide a list of the resources used and referenced
- communicate effectively
- submit a research report

Candidates submit two research reports.

Reports can consist of multimedia communication and text or text only.

Where a report consists of only text, it should be written in continuous prose and be **between 1500 and 2000 words**.

Where candidates use multimedia, it should be purposeful and supported by a **minimum of 750 words** in continuous prose.

Multimedia could include diagrams, photographs, emails, posters, presentations and podcasts, as appropriate.

***Nature of assessment***

Teachers mark the two research study reports using the assessment criteria and submit work to CIE for moderation.

All materials for Component 1 must be submitted electronically.