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**TO: HOD Science (Chemistry)  
Science Teachers**

### **Assessment Format Change for 2009**

The 2009 Assessment Specifications advised the change in the format of questions in the examination papers for Chemistry 2009:

*Within each paper all questions will provide opportunity for all grades of performance – achievement, achievement with merit, and achievement with excellence; there are no stand-alone questions for lower achievement grades. Candidates should attempt all questions.*

Please note that the key change relates to marking, with one judgment applied to the evidence from a question, to determine a single grade of N, A, M or E. Examples of possible question formats to be used in 2009 can be found in the following past papers.

1. Single-item questions, for example:  
2008 Chemistry 90640, Question Three (b)  
2008 Chemistry 90698, Question Three (c)
2. Single-item questions with scaffolding/guidance, for example:  
2008 Chemistry 90311, Question Five  
2008 Chemistry 90698, Question Four
3. Multiple-section question (e.g. parts a, b and c), with a single judgment made across the evidence from all parts. Question examples include:  
2008 Chemistry 90309, Question Two and Question Three  
2008 Chemistry 90696, Question Three

It is important for candidates to attempt all questions to the best of their ability as all questions provide opportunity to achieve all grades of performance.

## **Enquiries**

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