

6133/01 (Visit/Issue Report) - FAQs

Q. What is the word limit for the Visit / Issue Report?

A. Candidates should aim for a report of about 1 500 words. The maximum length of the report should be 2 000 words.

Q. Is there a penalty for exceeding the word limit?

A. Reports longer than 2 000 words will be penalised in section C(b).

Q. What does the word limit include?

A. The word limit does NOT include text attached to diagrams, figures, graphs or data tables. It also does NOT include the bibliography.

Q. How do I submit the Visit / Issue reports?

A. The Visit / Issue report should ideally be submitted as a hard copy. The text should be word processed. There may be some exceptions to this e.g. candidates who have produced a poster. Non-standard formats are acceptable in these cases.

Each candidate must fill in the authentication sheet available on the AS SNAB Biology web page (<http://www.edexcel.org.uk/quals/gce/biology/as/8048/>). This form should also be counter-signed by the teacher who supervised their work.

Q. Can students re-sit this unit?

A. Candidates can re-sit this unit at the next session. If a candidate re-sits 6133/01, he/she must also re-sit the 6133/02 paper (Practical Work Review). This is to comply with QCA's regulations on the transfer and resitting of coursework units.

Alternatively, if a candidate only wishes to re-sit 6133/02, he/she may transfer the 6133/01 mark to the next session and re-sit the 6133/02 paper only.

Q. Do I get the Visit / Issue reports back after marking?

A. No. Although in some ways the Visit / Issue report resembles coursework, the fact that it is wholly marked by Edexcel means that it is treated as an examined unit. Centres are therefore advised to keep a copy for their own records.

Q. Is there no feedback on how well my candidates have done?

A. Examiners for the Visit / Issue Report produce a short report (like a moderator's report) for the centres they mark. This is sent to centres after results are published. In addition, the Principal Examiner for this unit provides a detailed Examiner's Report which is available after results are published.

Q. What can I get back under Access to Scripts guidelines?

A. Centres who request Access to Scripts as part of the Post-Results Service will not get back a copy of the Visit / Issue Report itself, but will get a copy of the cover sheet. This will have a breakdown of the candidate's marks by section.

Q. How do I get extra help in preparing my students for the Visit / Issue report?

A. There are three ways in which you can get extra help for this unit.

Firstly, use the guidance documents on the AS SNAB Biology web page.

Secondly, use the Consultancy service, details of which are also available on the AS SNAB Biology web page: <http://www.edexcel.org.uk/quals/gce/biology/as/8048/>.

Thirdly, attend an INSET meeting, or have a trainer come to your centre. Details of both methods are available through PD&T: <http://www.edexcel.org.uk/sfc/training/>.