

**Guidance on additional information for output allocation: UOAs 7, 10, 11, 12, 26, 27, 28, 29, 33 and 34.**

The sub-panels for the above UOAs set out in the ‘Panel criteria and working methods’ ([REF2019/02](#)) that they require additional information to be provided for each output submitted to REF 2021. This information will support the allocation of outputs to panel members for assessment.

Each of these UOAs will use subject-specific taxonomies: these are provided for UOA 7, 11, 12, 26, 27, 28, 29, 33 and 34 in Excel format, at Annex A. UOA 10 will use the Mathematics Subject Classification 2020 (MSC), which is due for publication in October 2019.

Submitting units are asked to identify the most relevant topic for each submitted output using the chosen taxonomy for their UOA. The table below outlines each sub-panel’s guidelines for output allocation:

UOA	Requirements
7 – Earth Systems and Environmental Sciences	<p>Refer to Annex A.</p> <p>Only one option should be selected per output, as most appropriately describes the primary focus of the research underpinning the output. Where ‘other’ is chosen, please briefly provide information on the research area.</p>
10 – Mathematical Sciences	<p>As set out in the ‘Panel criteria and working methods’, <a href="#">paragraph 258</a> (second bullet), select up to two keywords which will categorise the topic(s) covered by the output.</p> <p>The keywords may be taken from the MSC2020 where appropriate or may be provided by the submitting unit. Submitting units are asked to be as consistent as possible in use of their chosen keywords within their submission.</p>
11 – Computer Science and Informatics	<p>Refer to Annex A.</p> <p>Only one option should be selected per output, as most appropriately describes the primary focus of the research for the output. Where ‘other’ is chosen, please briefly provide information on the research area.</p>

	<p>The information contained in the 'Further information' column is for information only, in order to provide a fuller description of each option. Information in this column should not be entered into the submission system.</p>
12 - Engineering	<p>Use the research areas as listed in the UOA descriptor in <a href="#">paragraphs 86-87</a> of the 'Panel criteria and working methods' (REF 2019/02). For ease of reference these are also included in Annex A.</p> <p>A maximum of three options may be selected per output, as most appropriately describes the primary focus of the research for the output.</p>
26 – Modern Languages and Linguistics	<p>Refer to Annex A.</p> <p>For each output enter one option from the 'Main subject field' column and one option from the 'Research areas'.</p> <p>Please note, you may use 'other' to capture subject areas not stipulated in the UOA descriptor in <a href="#">paragraph 133</a> of the 'Panel criteria and working methods' (REF2019/02), but that form part of the more broad and inclusive purview of the UOA as signalled in <a href="#">paragraph 134</a>, in particular relating to non-European languages, literatures, cultures and societies.</p>
27 – English Literature and Language	<p>Refer to Annex A.</p> <p>Only one option should be selected per output, as most appropriately describes the primary focus of the research underpinning the output. Where 'other' is chosen, please briefly provide information on the research area.</p>
28 - History	<p>Refer to the list of research areas in the UOA descriptor in <a href="#">paragraphs 139-142</a> of the 'Panel criteria and working methods' (REF 2019/02). These are also included at Annex A for ease of reference.</p>

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29 - Classics	<p>Refer to Annex A.</p> <p>Only one option should be selected per output, as most appropriately describes the primary focus of the research underpinning the output. Where 'other' is chosen, please briefly provide information on the research area.</p>
33 – Music, Drama, Dance, Performing Arts, Film and Screen Studies	<p>Refer to Annex A.</p> <p>Only one option should be selected per output, as most appropriately describes the primary focus of the research underpinning the output. Where 'other' is chosen, please briefly provide information on the research area.</p> <p>Please do not use the headings in bold text in Annex A as these are for the purpose of grouping the options only.</p> <p>The information contained in the 'Further information' column is for information only. Information in this column should not be entered into the submission system.</p> <p>The sub-panel recognises that many outputs will bridge multiple categories, take other forms, or may be interdisciplinary in nature. The sub-panel welcomes the submission of such work. HEIs are requested to indicate 'best fit', even where it is approximate.</p>
34 – Communication, Cultural and Media Studies, Library and Information Management	<p>Refer to Annex A.</p> <p>Only one option should be selected per output, as most appropriately describes the primary focus of the research underpinning the output. Where 'other' is chosen, please briefly provide information on the research area.</p>

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