

Q&A: Modifications to Understanding Standards programme



I can't get booked on to an Understanding Standards event on the online booking system, why is this?

We have temporarily suspended the bookings for Understanding Standards events while we finalise the new programme and update our online booking system. Once the new programme is published this month, please allow a couple of working days before attempting to book on to any of the events.

Are nominee training events still going ahead as planned?

Yes, those events are still going ahead as planned. The modifications to the programme do not affect the nominee training events.

What are the 'suitable arrangements' that will be put in place for events that are removed from the schedule?

Candidate evidence and commentary materials which have been prepared for these events will be published on our website and made available to all subject specialists.

For internally assessed components of course assessment, or those subject to visiting assessment, these materials will be published on our secure website where you can arrange access to them through your SQA co-ordinator. For externally assessed components of course assessment, the materials will be published on our Understanding Standards website at www.understandingstandards.org.uk

What happens if I have already booked on to an event?

You will receive an automatic notification from our events booking system to inform you of any changes to your booking. Please note the following:

- If there is no change to the event, it will still go ahead as planned and your place will be secured.
- If the event is merged with another event and/or moved to a new location, you will automatically be given a place at the event.
- If the event is cancelled, your booking will also be cancelled and our Events Team will notify you of this.

What is meant by alternative venues?

For subjects which have several events taking place across the country, we are merging some of the events and moving them to a single location. For example, if an event that was scheduled to take place in Inverness is merged with one taking place in Stirling, any delegates who have already booked on to the Inverness event will automatically be given a place at the Stirling event.

What happens if I am unable to travel to the alternative venue, will the event be filmed?

Due to the nature of these events, there are currently no plans to film them. However, any materials discussed at the events will be published online after the event has taken place. Evidence and commentaries will be published within four weeks of the event or on the day of the last event (for subjects with multiple events).

If the Understanding Standards event that I was planning to attend is now cancelled, can I request CPD training instead?

In line with the normal process, CPD requests should be made by the appropriate representative in your local authority, independent school or college. We will consider all CPD requests, subject to the nature of the request and the availability of resources. Where we can accommodate requests, we will contact the representative to agree the content to be covered and the most appropriate way for the support to be provided, (eg by telephone, video conference, webinar).

How will I be notified when the Understanding Standards materials are published?

We will publish this information in our weekly Centre News e-newsletter and in the 'Updates and Announcements' section of the relevant [subject pages](#).

Evidence and commentaries will be published within four weeks of each event or on the day of the last event (for subjects with multiple events). Where an event has been cancelled we will endeavour to publish the materials sooner than originally planned.