



Dear Street Works Centre,

HAUC(UK) has committed to improve communications with the Awarding Organisations and through to yourselves at the training centres. The industry is going through a period of change as the UK deals with the Covid Pandemic, unprecedented levels of infrastructure build and climate change initiatives, which all place pressure on resources. HAUC(UK) is acutely aware of the pressure this puts on the industry and the need to maintain levels of a trained workforce becomes crucial as we move forward.

The industry is changing to meet those new demands and that will inevitably mean the training and accreditation process will need to keep pace with that change agenda. HAUC(UK) is committed to work with the industry to meet that demand and will look to innovate where possible and build resilience within the processes over time.

HAUC(UK) is committed to working with the Awarding Organisations and centres to ensure it meets those resource demands, through training.

HAUC(UK) would like to update you on the below:

- Updates to knowledge assessment content (exams)
- Extension of deadline to offer only computer-based exams
- Permitted adaptations in response to the pandemic.

#### **Updates to knowledge assessment content (exams)**

Thank you for the feedback provided via the Awarding Organisations. This has been reviewed and we have amended questions and answers where required. Our amendments will go live from 1 June 2021 for all Awarding Organisations. In any change process there will be the need to continually make adjustments, so your feedback is valuable to us.

#### **Extension of deadline to offer only computer-based exams**

HAUC(UK) remains fully committed to our aim of transitioning all knowledge-based assessments to computer-based testing platforms this year., For reasons outlined above we appreciate the impact of the pandemic on centres. With this in mind, we have extended the date until which paper-based exams can be used from 1 March 2021 to 1 June 2021. There will be no further extensions to this date.

#### **Permitted adaptations in response to the pandemic**

To provide centres with a more flexible approach to assessment, it is our intention to introduce some adaptations to how computer-based knowledge tests and practical assessments are carried out.

HAUC(UK) is committed to finding more innovative ways to deliver assessment and to that end we are issuing an addendum to our assessment strategy to permit remote invigilation/proctoring for the computer-based knowledge exam and remote assessment (ie

where the assessor is not physically with the candidate) and to allow practical assessments to be carried out on site.

Adapted/remote assessments can be carried out from 1 April 2021

HAUC(UK) would remind you that the assessment strategy, addendum and awarding organisation policies must be adhered to at all times. Please refer to your awarding organisation's documentation from 1 April 2021

HAUC(UK) thanks you for your continued support and drive for excellence.

Kind regards,

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