

Subject guidance for internally assessed qualifications in 2020-21

Please read this document in conjunction with [guidance for the assessment of internally assessed qualifications issued to centres in August 2020](#).

Group Award title(s):	HNC in Chemical Process Technology at SCQF level 7
Group Award code(s):	GL6A 15

Units and/or outcomes where conditions of assessment can or cannot be altered

Centres can change the conditions of assessment from closed book to open book for all units. However, please note that when an assessment is open book, centres must not use SQA ASPs and centre-devised assessment must be used instead.

Centres can gather evidence for learning outcomes under open book conditions if this is more practicable for 2020-21. Examples of alternative assessment could be questions which have been answered and submitted by learners in a given time period, an electronic presentation with questions and answers, case studies, professional discussions, viva voce examinations or a report. Centres must ensure that the revised assessment task(s) is of the same level of demand for the learner as required by the original assessment requirements.

Adaptations to evidence requirements to help manage assessment

The minimum number of practical experiments will be:

- ◆ Four experiments at SCQF level 7

Learners must complete two laboratory reports from the four experiments.

In addition to the above requirements, if the following optional unit is selected learners must complete additional experiments. The minimum number of experiments for the optional unit will be:

- ◆ Instrumental Techniques 1 (H930 35)
 - 1 experiment using an analytical instrument

Rationale

The practical requirements have been reduced to ensure manageability of assessment while social distancing remains in place.

Additional guidance and information

If your centre would like to move to a combined assessment approach or adapt the conditions of assessment, we would recommend you contact operationshqv@sqa.org.uk. Our subject experts can then provide virtual guidance and support at the planning stage.