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Communication (NC) at SCQF level 6 (FA1W 12) and Literature 1 at SCQF level 6 (FA58 12)

Valid for academic session 2020–21 only

This document provides subject-specific guidance on gathering key evidence for internally-assessed qualifications in 2020–21. Please read this document in conjunction with the unit specifications, assessment support pack and [guidance for the assessment of internally-assessed qualifications issued to centres in August 2020](#).

Due to the effects of the current public health situation on learning, teaching and assessment, an alternative assessment approach can be followed for the units: Communication (NC) at SCQF level 6 (FA1W 12) and Literature 1 at SCQF level 6 (FA58 12). This alternative assessment approach is intended to support the delivery of learning, teaching and assessment while maintaining the validity, credibility and standard of these units.

These units are often delivered together as a package using the combined SQA assessment support pack and therefore the adaptations have been designed with this in mind. These adaptations relate to evidence requirements only and are intended to reduce the number of assessment points. The outcomes and range of skills assessed remain unchanged.

It is recognised, however, that centres may already be some way through assessing these units and it should be noted that the existing, unmodified approach is equally acceptable.

The approach described in the assessment support pack for Communication (NC) and Literature 1 contains nine points of assessment. The adaptations outlined on the next page contain a minimum of five.

Adaptations for session 2020–21

The following can be applied to support the delivery of learning, teaching and assessment.

Unit code	Unit title	Adaptations to evidence requirements
FA1W 12	Communication (NC) at SCQF level 6	<p>Outcome 1: Analyse and evaluate complex written communication. Candidates are required to show that they can respond to questions by analysing and evaluating one piece of complex written communication. The text should be non-fiction.</p> <p>Outcome 2: Produce complex written communication. Candidates are required to produce evidence in the form of one complex non-fiction written text (either one non-fiction piece of writing OR one critical essay on literature studied, if combining assessment with Literature 1).</p> <p>Outcome 3: Analyse and evaluate complex spoken communication. Candidates are required to show that they can respond to questions analysing and evaluating one piece of complex spoken communication.</p> <p>Outcome 4: Deliver and participate in complex spoken communication. Candidates are required to produce evidence in the form of one complex oral communication (either individual presentation OR group discussion).</p>
FA58 12	Literature 1 at SCQF level 6	<p>Outcome 1: Analyse and evaluate literary texts in different genres. Candidates are required to produce evidence in the form of one written OR oral response to demonstrate they have analysed and evaluated one literary text. Evidence in the form of a critical essay could be used for Communication (NC) outcome 2 above.</p> <p>Outcome 2: Critically respond to an unseen literary text. Written and/or oral evidence is required to demonstrate the candidate can critically respond to one unseen literary text. Evidence for outcomes 1 and 2 must be taken from responses to texts from different genres.</p>