



Subject guidance for internally assessed qualifications in 2021–22

Please read this document in conjunction with guidance for the assessment of internally assessed qualifications issued to centres in August 2021.

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Group award titles:	HNC Construction Management @ SCQF L7 HND Construction Management @ SCQF L8
Group award codes:	GJ5F15 GJ5L 16

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

Where this is more practicable, centres will be able to gather candidate evidence under open book conditions rather than supervised closed book conditions. Examples of alternatives could be:

- ◆ questions answered and submitted within a given time period
- ◆ electronic presentations with questions and answers
- ◆ case studies
- ◆ professional discussions
- ◆ viva voce examinations
- ◆ written assignments

Where unit specifications include practical activities, these can be altered to allow candidates to observe a demonstration of the practical elements. Candidates would then produce evidence using information gathered by observation. An example of this could be watching a video recording of a member of staff carrying out a concrete slump test, then writing a report on their observations using information and data collected during observation.

Adaptations to evidence requirements to help manage assessment

Integrated and holistic assessment is encouraged by either:

- ◆ combining assessments within a unit or across more than one unit
- ◆ mapping of outcomes and assessment activities across units

Both approaches are detailed in guidance for the assessment of internally assessed qualifications issued to centres in August 2021.

Graded units or project work may provide the opportunity to combine or map assessments, or, where appropriate, include additional learning outcomes from other units.

Rationale

Centres should ensure that the alternative assessment is of the same SCQF level as the original assessment requirements.

A centre-led approach towards maintaining quality standards is encouraged. Direct support from SQA remains available where required.

SQA and the team of external verifiers will host Quality Network events via Microsoft Teams to support centres and share good practice.

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