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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.

Group award title:	HNC Working with Communities
Group award code:	GM1M 15

Introduction

This subject-specific supplementary guidance has been produced to assist centres to deliver the HNC in Working with Communities and to find ways to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 and the subsequent government restrictions. It recognises challenges experienced in the sector while supporting achievement of the qualification.

Summary

This document provides information on the following:

- ◆ delivering and assessing the HNC
- ◆ changes to framework
- ◆ guidance on specific units

Delivering and assessing the HNC

The Qualifications Manager and Qualifications Officer for the sector have had the opportunity to meet virtually with the external verifiers and lecturers and tutors from each of the approved centres delivering community qualifications several times since March 2020.

SQA understand the challenges for the sector given the requirements for practical skills in the mandatory Work Placement and Group Work units.

Every effort should be made to procure work placement and work experience to complete these units. Consideration could be given to delaying the practical aspects of the units until later in the session when we hope that restrictions will be eased.

However, where this is proving impossible, we have made alterations to the existing assessment guidance and framework. This will allow the centre and learners to complete the qualification by selecting alternative mandatory units that do not require work practice.

The change to the framework detailed below support this delivery model.

Changes to framework

Current unit:	Community Learning and Development: Workplace Practice (HJ0L 34)
Alternative units (both must be completed):	Community Learning and Development: Capacity Building (FM9D 34) Personal Development Planning (DE3R 34)

Guidance on specific units

For the Group Work unit, case studies and class or peer groups can be used to gather evidence instead of work with community groups.

For Capacity Building and Personal Development Planning the use of case studies, peer discussions and reflective learning should be utilised. Both units must be completed where selected as an alternative to the double-credit Workplace Practice unit.

This guidance is subject to change and will be updated as required on an ongoing basis.

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