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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:	NC in Applied Sciences at SCQF level 6
Group Award code:	G90N 46

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

There must be a minimum of three supervised or closed-book assessments covering two sciences. The supervised or closed-book assessment may be a single outcome, two or more outcomes together or a holistic assessment.

Centres can alter the conditions of assessment from closed-book to open-book for all of the remaining assessments. However, if an open-book approach is adopted, you cannot use SQA Assessment Support Packs (ASPs) and centre-devised assessments will need to be used instead. Centres must ensure that revised assessment task(s) have the same level of demand as the original assessment.

Adaptations to evidence requirements to help manage assessment

The minimum number of practical experiments is:

- ◆ The Experimental Procedures: Science unit (HN8D 46):
 - outcome 1 reduced to three different experimental procedures
 - outcome 2 performance criteria (b) presenting using a graphical method removed
 - outcome 2 performance criteria (d) removed
 - outcome 3 performance criteria (e) and (f) removed

For outcome 3 in the Experimental Procedures: Science unit, learners could be given a project for an investigative practical. For example, the assignment projects from the Higher Biology, Higher Chemistry and Higher Physics courses.

The requirement to produce and deliver an oral presentation has been removed from all units.

Rationale

We have reduced the practical requirements to ensure manageability of assessment due to ongoing physical distancing.

Additional guidance and information

For centres who would like to move to a combined assessment approach or adapt the conditions of assessment, we recommend you notify operationshqv@sqa.org.uk so that our subject experts can provide virtual guidance and support at the planning stage.