



**August 2021**

## **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.

<b>Group Award title:</b>	NPA in Applied Sciences at SCQF level 5
<b>Group Award code:</b>	GR2P 45

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

Centres can alter the conditions of assessment from closed-book to open-book for all units.

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**

We have amended the practical requirements for the following units:

- ◆ Cell Biology (J4A9 75)
  - Outcome 1 removed
- ◆ Chemical Changes and Structure (J239 75)
  - Outcome 1 removed
- ◆ Physics: Waves and Radiation (J2CL 75)
  - Outcome 1 removed
- ◆ Forensic Science: Applications (J45V 45)
  - Outcome 1(b) reduced to one scientific technique
- ◆ Laboratory Science: Practical Skills (J2W3 75)
  - Outcome 1 reduced to remove the requirement to pour agar plates, using aseptic technique
  - Outcome 3 reduced to one practical activity
  - Outcome 4 reduced to one practical activity

## **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](mailto:operationshqv@sqa.org.uk) so that our subject experts can provide guidance and support at the planning stage.