



**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 Practical Science at SCQF level 5
<b>Group Award code:</b>	GG37 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:

- ◆ Waves and Optics (D381 11)
  - Outcome 3 removed
- ◆ Radioactivity (D382 11)
  - Outcome 3 removed
- ◆ Forensic Science: Applications (F823 11/J45V 45)
  - Outcome 1 (b) reduced to one scientific technique

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