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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:	NPA in Science and Health at SCQF level 4
Group Award code:	GR2R 44

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:

- ◆ Science Practical Skills (J42F 44)
 - Outcome 1 reduced to two different scientific apparatus
 - Outcome 2 reduced to two practical scientific procedures
 - Outcome 3 reduced to two pro formas, lab diaries or lab reports
- ◆ Science: Human Health (H268 74)
 - Outcome 1 removed
- ◆ Physics: Waves and Radiation (H25A 74)
 - Outcome 1 removed
- ◆ Nature's Chemistry (H21J 74)
 - Outcome 1 removed

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 guidance and support at the planning stage.