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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.

<b>Group Award title:</b>	NPA in Scientific Technologies at SCQF level 6
<b>Group Award code:</b>	GN13 46

### 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:

- ◆ Fundamental Chemistry: An Introduction (HT6V 46)
  - Outcome 2 reduced to one practical experiment
- ◆ Experimental Procedures: Science (HN8D 46)
  - Outcome 1 reduced to three different experimental procedures

For outcome 3 in the Experimental Procedures: Science unit (HN8D 46), it is possible to provide learners with project titles that can be undertaken at home without specialist equipment.

### 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.