

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 titles:	NPA Acting and Performance (SCQF level 6) NPA Professional Theatre Preparation (SCQF level 6) NC Acting and Theatre Performance (SCQF level 6) HNC Acting and Performance (SCQF level 7) HND Acting and performance (at SCQF level 8)
Group Award codes:	G9KM 46 G9KT 46 G98A 46 G7G1 15 G7G2 16

Units and/or outcomes where conditions of assessment can be altered

For units that are normally assessed under closed book conditions, centres can gather evidence for outcomes under open book conditions if this is more practicable for 2021-22. Examples of alternative assessment could be questions which have been answered and submitted in a given time period, an electronic presentation with questions and answers, case studies, professional discussions, viva voce examinations or a report. Centres must ensure that the revised assessment task(s) is of the same level of demand as required by the original assessment requirements.

However, please note that when an assessment is open book, centres must not use SQA ASPs. Centre-devised assessments must be used instead.

Centres have a responsibility to ensure authenticity of all assessments regardless of where they take place.

Adaptations to evidence requirements to help manage assessment

DG47 34 Production 1: Developing Skills

This unit requires candidates to perform in one production. The production could be an abridged version of a play, for example one act or scene, lasting a minimum of 20 minutes. Each candidate should perform a minimum of 5 minutes to demonstrate the required skills and techniques. To help facilitate smaller groups, the production could be repeated. Rehearsals could be conducted remotely but the final performance must be live.

DG48 35 Production 2: Applying Skills in Performance

This unit requires candidates to perform in two productions. The productions could be an abridged version of a play, for example one act or scene, lasting a minimum of 20 minutes. Each candidate should perform a minimum of 5 minutes to demonstrate the required skills and techniques. To help facilitate smaller groups, the production could be repeated. One production could be devised, but evidence must be gathered to demonstrate candidates have had the opportunity to fulfil the knowledge and skills within the unit outcomes. Rehearsals could be conducted remotely but the final performance must be live.

H1KX 25 Voice 2: Applying Skills in performance

Outcome 3 requires candidates to perform two contrasting texts sight unseen. If conducted remotely, the assessor could provide two contrasting texts to candidates and allow 5 minutes for them to study these. The recital can be delivered remotely.

H4SK 34 Movement 1: Developing Skills

Outcome 3 requires group movement. The group should be no less than 3 people. It can be rehearsed remotely as a group piece to demonstrate roles and responsibilities, but the final performance must be assessed live as a group.

H4SL 35 Movement 2: Applying skills in performance

Outcome 2 requires a movement piece of 5 – 7 minutes. This can be reduced to 3 – 5 minutes to demonstrate the required skills. The final performance must be assessed live.

F5LB 12 Drama: Theatre Skills in Performance

Outcome 4 must be assessed live to retain the validity of the assessment. Productions can be limited to a minimum of 20 minutes. Each candidate should perform a minimum of 5 minutes, to demonstrate the required skills and techniques. To help centres facilitate smaller groups, the performance can be an abridged version of a play, for example one act or scene from a full play and can be repeated.

F5L4 12 Professional Theatre in Context

A requirement of this unit is for candidates to attend a live theatre performance. For session 2021-2022 this may not be possible. Candidates can watch online professional performances, for example, National Theatre Live productions.

Rationale

Performance skills are developed in the NPA, NC, HNC and HND Group Awards to develop candidate skills in voice, movement, acting and stagecraft while developing an understanding of theatre practice. They prepare and present candidates for progression and employment in the industry. Candidates gain the practical skills to be confident in gaining employment through audition therefore live performance is key to the aims of these awards.

Additional guidance and information

Performance spaces could be flexible. For example, one space could be on an indoor stage and the other could be online or outdoors while still maintaining the required knowledge and skills.

For online performances where there are restrictions on an audience, the audience could be the assessor or group members.

Voice and movement exercises can be conducted remotely supported by questions and answers and/or recordings for quality assurance purposes.

You are strongly encouraged to maintain ongoing records of candidates' progress and achievement, including regular filming of rehearsals and final performances.