

Subject guidance for internally assessed qualifications in 2020-21

Please read this document in conjunction with [guidance for the assessment of internally assessed qualifications issued to centres in August 2020](#).

Group Award title:	Skills for Work – National 5 Laboratory Science
Group Award code:	C781 75

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

All units should be completed following local authority guidance.

Centres should focus on individual work and avoid group work where possible. Presentations and talks should be conducted digitally whenever possible. Site visits should be conducted virtually if possible.

Adaptations to evidence requirements to help manage assessment

No group work is required.

HN9W 75 – Working in a Laboratory

- ◆ Observe safe social distancing and follow Local Authority and SSERC guidance.

J2W3 75 – Practical Skills

- ◆ Observe safe social distancing and follow Local Authority and SSERC guidance.
- ◆ Reduction in skills required:
 - Outcome 1: Either one of three bacterial subcultures, or one of four yeast subcultures, wet and dry mounts required
 - Outcome 2: Measuring radiation required
 - Outcome 3: One of two tasks required
 - Outcome 4: One of three techniques required

J2W4 75 – Practical Investigation

- ◆ Observe safe social distancing and follow Local Authority and SSEC guidance.
- ◆ Every attempt should be made to link the Practical Investigation to a Practical Skill from J2W3 75 to allow the skill to be assessed concurrently.

Rationale

The National 5 Laboratory Science course contains several practical elements, teamwork, visits and guest speakers. It would be very difficult to carry out all practical work in session 2020-21 because of current requirements for social distancing and, local authority health and

safety protocols. These modifications ensure that the validity and integrity of the course is maintained while considering the safety of teachers, lecturers and candidates.