



Choosing Appropriate Assessor and/or Verifier Qualifications outside of the UK

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Note

In the table that follows, column 1 describes two types of qualification being assessed or internally-verified and the context for assessment – i.e., a workplace* or non-workplace environment.

For each type:

- ◆ Column 2 lists the types of assessor/internal verifier qualifications that those assessing, or internally-verifying can achieve (outside of the UK.)
- ◆ Column 3 lists the types of assessor/verifier qualification that centres (outside of the UK) may accept when recruiting new assessor or internal verifiers.

Seeking advice on the most appropriate qualifications

Centres are advised to contact their SQA Business Development Manager, the Qualifications Manager or the SQA Business Development & Customer Support Team on 0303 333 0330 or e-mail: mycentre@sqa.org.uk when requiring assistance in deciding upon the most appropriate qualification for assessors and internal verifiers.

Workplace assessor/internal verifier qualifications such as GT7H 47, GT7L 48 and GT7K 48 must be achieved by:

- ◆ Assessor-candidates conducting assessment in their candidates' workplace.
- ◆ Internal verifier–candidates conducting internal verification of assessment carried out in candidates' workplaces.

*Approved Realistic Working Environments (RWE) are also deemed to be the candidates' workplace for some vocational qualification areas. Please consult the Assessment Strategy for the vocational area concerned for further details on whether or not this is permitted.

Note: In all situations it is imperative that assessors/internal verifiers meet the occupational competence requirements specified in the Assessment Strategy/Group Award Specification for the qualification being assessed or internally-verified.

While assessing the following qualifications:	Assessor-candidates must achieve one of the following assessor qualifications:	Centres can accept the following assessor qualifications:
SQA qualifications based on the assessment of workplace competence, assessed in the candidates' workplace.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ PDA: Workplace Assessment Using Direct and Indirect Methods (GT7L 48) Or ◆ PDA: Workplace Assessment Using Direct Methods (GT7H 47) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ PDA: Workplace Assessment Using Direct Methods (GT7H 47) ◆ PDA: Workplace Assessment Using Direct and Indirect Methods (GT7L 48) ◆ L&D9D or L&D9DI ◆ A1 or A2 plus CPD (in line with the current L&D9 Standard) ◆ TQFE plus CPD (in line with the current L&D9 Standard) ◆ D32 and/or D33 plus CPD (in line with current L&D9 Standard) ◆ RQF Level 3 Award in Assessing Competence in the Work Environment ◆ **RQF Level 3 Certificate in Assessing Vocational Achievement

While assessing the following qualifications:	Assessor-candidates may seek to achieve the following assessor qualification:	Centres may accept the following assessor qualifications:
<p>Non-workplace qualifications — those that don't require candidates to display workplace competence in their place of work</p> <p>Non-workplace qualifications include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ SQA Advanced units/Certificates/Diplomas (A-U/ACD) ◆ National Certificates (NCs) National Progression Awards (NPAs) ◆ Professional Development Awards (PDAs) that are non-SVQ Unit based 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Conduct the Assessment Process (GM4L 48) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ L&D9D or L&D9DI ◆ PDA: Workplace Assessment Using Direct Methods (GT7H 47) ◆ PDA: Workplace Assessment Using Direct and Indirect Methods (GT7L 48) ◆ Conduct the Assessment Process (GM4L 48 or GF8P 48) ◆ Carry Out the Assessment Process ◆ A1 or A2 plus CPD (in line with the current L&D9 Standard) ◆ TQFE plus* CPD (in line with current L&D9 Standard) ◆ D32 and/or D33 plus CPD (in line with the current L&D9 Standard) ◆ RQF Level 3 Award in Assessing Competence in the Work Environment ◆ RQF Level 3 Award in Assessing Vocationally Related Achievement ◆ RQF Level 3 Certificate in Assessing Vocational Achievement

*CPD is a recommendation for those assessing non-workplace qualifications rather than a requirement.

While internally verifying the following qualifications:	Internal-verifier candidates must achieve the following internal verifier qualification:	Centres can accept the following verifier qualifications:
<p>SQA qualifications based on the assessment of workplace competence, assessed in the candidate's workplace.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ PDA: Internal Verification of Workplace Assessment (GT7K 48) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ PDA: Internal Verification of Workplace Assessment (GT7K 48) ◆ L&D11 ◆ V1 plus CPD (in line with the current L&D11 Standard) ◆ D34 plus CPD (in line with the current L&D11 Standard) ◆ *RQF level 4 Award in the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice ◆ *RQF Level 4 Certificate in Leading the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice

**Achievement of all individual units from the group award is also acceptable.*

While internally verifying the following qualifications:	Candidates may seek to achieve the following verifier qualification:	Centres may accept the following verifier qualifications:
<p>Non-workplace qualifications — those that don't require candidates to display workplace competence in their place of work</p> <p>Non-workplace qualifications include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ SQA Advanced units/Certificates/Diplomas (A-U/ACD) ◆ National Certificates (NCs) National Progression Awards (NPAs) ◆ Professional Development Awards (PDAs) that are non-SVQ** unit based. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Conduct the Internal Verification Process (GM4M 48) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Conduct the Internal Verification Process (GM4M 48 or GF8R 48) ◆ L&D11 ◆ Internally Verify the Assessment Process plus CPD (in line with the current L&D11 Standard) ◆ V1 plus CPD (in line with the current L&D11 Standard) ◆ D34 plus CPD (in line with the current L&D11 Standard) ◆ *RQF Level 4 Award in the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice ◆ *RQF Level 4 Certificate in Leading the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice

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** *SVQ units are regulated units offered only in the UK with the exception of SVQs for the Oil & Gas sector.*