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2021 - 2022 Adaptations **Security**

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Introduction

Covid-19 Guidance

Over the past two years, since the Covid-19 pandemic began, City & Guilds has worked in consultation with regulators and other awarding organisations/bodies, implementing adaptations to normal assessment delivery procedures to ensure that learners were still able to receive valid and reliable results for assessments attempted in this period.

The government's intention is that assessments for Vocational and Technical Qualifications go ahead for the 2021/22 academic year. It is recognised that learners who will be taking assessments will have had significant disruption to their teaching and learning and they may need continued support in the face of any further disruption. Centres should plan to, and wherever possible, deliver all assessments in line with the requirements set out in City & Guilds handbooks and assessment materials. However, where this is not possible City & Guilds is permitted, under Ofqual's Vocational and technical qualifications contingency regulatory framework (VCRF) to devise adaptations that mitigate disruption caused by the pandemic to teaching, learning and assessment for learners.

This document sets out the most up-to-date qualification specific adaptations available and the conditions for their adoption. It provides details of what adaptations can be used to provide centres and learners with flexibility to support the delivery of assessment during these challenging times. It has been designed to complement the *City & Guilds Qualification assessment adaptation guidance* document which can be found on City & Guilds COVID-19 webpages.

What is adaptation?

Adaptations should only apply if a learner(s) is not able to be assessed in the way the assessment design intended. The adaptations are in relation to the conditions and controls for assessments, the delivery of the assessments, or in some instances the assessment methodology. This document specifies the adaptations that are permitted and the qualifications and assessments to which they apply. Where an adaptation is permitted it is indicated by \checkmark and where there is no adaptation permitted or needed it is indicated by \times .

Some adaptations that were in place during the 2020/21 academic year may have changed or been removed this academic year. These include the removal of:

- "test-at-home" interim solution for e-volve remote assessment for the 2020-21 academic year which is no longer available. For more information regarding Remote Invigilation, please see the latest guidance on the City & Guilds website for more information <u>https://www.cityandguilds.com/delivering-our-gualifications/exams-and-admin/remote-invigilation</u>
- use of alternative evidence for an externally assessed e-volve test
- use of alternative evidence for a practical skills assessment.

Centres are <u>not</u> permitted to make any further adaptation to the assessments beyond what is set out in this document.



Adaptations for:

QAN	City & Guilds qualification number	City & Guilds qualification title
601/6114/0	2950-02	City & Guilds Level 2 Award In Parking Enforcement - Civil Enforcement Officers (VRQ)

What adaptations are permitted for assessments?

Assessment methods	Assessment component numbers	Adaptation permitted
Assessments for occupational competency	211	\checkmark
Portfolio of evidence		Remote assessment only
Assessments for knowledge and/or understanding alone	206, 207, 209, 210	\checkmark
Centre marked assignment/test with little or no practical		Remote assessment only

For centre marked assignments/tasks assessing knowledge and understanding:

These can be taken remotely by learners provided they are supervised and the centre has software or processes that maintain the security of the assessment materials, generate evidence that can be retained by the centre and authenticate that the responses are the learner's own.

Please refer to our 'Remote Assessment Centre Guide' document available from the 'Quality Assurance' tab at <u>www.cityandguilds.com/delivering-our-qualifications/centre-development/centre-document-library</u>

For centre marked written-response questions/tests:

These can be taken remotely by learners provided they are supervised and the centre has software or processes that maintain the security of the assessment materials, generate evidence that can be retained by the centre and authenticate that the responses are the learner's own.

Mark schemes/marking guidance and grade boundaries from tests should be used to mark the assessment and determine the final grade.

Please refer to section 3 'Remote assessment and remote invigilation' of our 'Qualification assessment adaptation guidance' document available from www.cityandguilds.com/covid-19

Where remote assessment is not an option, centres can assess learners 1:1 via oral questioning. The test content should be used as a basis for the questioning, where questions have images or tables,



these can either be shared discretely from the test, an alternative equivalent image sourced or the questions can be rephrased around the image.

Oral questioning/Q&A session must be carried out by an assessor who is occupationally competent and in a way that authenticates the responses are the learner's own. These will need to be recorded in written or verbal format and linked to the assessment criteria.

For portfolio of evidence assessing competency:

Remote assessment (live assessments where the learners are observed and assessed at the same time and not afterwards) is permitted for practical skill observations as an **alternative to direct observation**.

If assessment is undertaken remotely by video link, it must be completed in line with the remote assessment requirements set out below **and** those listed in our 'Remote Assessment Centre Guide' document available from the 'Quality Assurance' tab at <u>www.cityandguilds.com/delivering-our-gualifications/centre-development/centre-document-library</u>

- A vocationally competent employer or a vocationally competent senior member of staff must be present during the practical skills observation, for safety and to assist the assessor, on areas of clarification or where the assessor needs to see a close-up image
- Consent must be sought and retained as evidence from clients/customers and employers
- Assessors must complete standard assessment documentation as they would face-to-face
- Live assessments do not have to be recorded but if they are, the recording must adhere to the guidance as specified in our 'Remote Assessment Centre Guide' document available from the 'Quality Assurance' tab at <u>www.cityandguilds.com/delivering-our-qualifications/centredevelopment/centre-document-library</u>

General guidance

For Unit 211, please refer to the 'supporting information' section of the Qualification Handbook for guidance on the assessment methodology.



Adaptations for:

QAN	City & Guilds qualification number	City & Guilds qualification title
500/6209/8	1853-02	City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate in Knowledge of Electronic Security and Emergency Systems

What adaptations are permitted for assessments?

Assessment methods	Assessment component numbers	Adaptation permitted
Assessments for knowledge and understanding alone. Externally marked Evolve test	001, 002, 003-006	✓ Remote invigilation only
Assessments for knowledge and/or understanding alone. Centre marked assignment/test with little or no practical.	101, 102, 103, 104, 106	√ Remote assessment only

For e-volve tests:

Remote invigilation is available, please see the latest guidance on the City & Guilds website for more information <u>https://www.cityandguilds.com/delivering-our-qualifications/exams-and-admin/remote-invigilation</u>

For centre marked assignments/tasks assessing knowledge and understanding:

These can be taken remotely by learners provided they are supervised and the centre has software or processes that maintain the security of the assessment materials, generate evidence that can be retained by the centre and authenticate that the responses are the learner's own. Please refer to our 'Remote Assessment Centre Guide' document available from the 'Quality Assurance' tab at www.cityandguilds.com/delivering-our-qualifications/centre-development/centre-document-library

For centre marked written-response questions/tests:

These can be taken remotely by learners provided they are supervised and the centre has software or processes that maintain the security of the assessment materials, generate evidence that can be retained by the centre and authenticate that the responses are the learner's own.

Mark schemes/marking guidance and grade boundaries from tests should be used to mark the assessment and determine the final grade.



Please refer to section 3 'Remote assessment and remote invigilation' of our 'Qualification assessment adaptation guidance' document available from www.cityandguilds.com/covid-19

Where remote assessment is not an option, centres can assess learners 1:1 via oral questioning. The test content should be used as a basis for the questioning, where questions have images or tables, these can either be shared discretely from the test, an alternative equivalent image sourced or the questions can be rephrased around the image.

Oral questioning/Q&A session must be carried out by an assessor who is occupationally competent and in a way that authenticates the responses are the learner's own. These will need to be recorded in written or verbal format and linked to the assessment criteria.

Adaptations for:

QAN	City & Guilds qualification number	City & Guilds qualification title
500/9798/2	1853-03	City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma in Electronic, security and emergency systems

What adaptations are permitted for assessments?

Assessment methods	Assessment component numbers	Adaptation permitted
Assessments for knowledge and	009-010	\checkmark
understanding alone.		Remote invigilation
Externally marked Evolve test		only
Assessments for knowledge and understanding alone.	011-016	×
Externally marked paper-based exam		

For e-volve tests:

Remote invigilation is available, please see the latest guidance on the City & Guilds website for more information <u>https://www.cityandguilds.com/delivering-our-qualifications/exams-and-admin/remote-invigilation</u>



Adaptations for:

QAN	City & Guilds qualification number	City & Guilds qualification title
501/0032/4	2882-02	City & Guilds Level 2 NVQ Certificate in Providing Electronic Security and Emergency Systems
501/0837/2	2882-03	City & Guilds Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Providing Electronic Security and Emergency Systems

What adaptations are permitted for assessments?

Assessment methods	Assessment component numbers	Adaptation permitted
Assessments for occupational competency Portfolio of evidence	All portfolio units	✓ Remote assessment only

For portfolio of evidence assessing competency:

Remote assessment (live assessments where the learners are observed and assessed at the same time and not afterwards) is permitted for practical skill observations as an **alternative to direct observation**.

If assessment is undertaken remotely by video link, it must be completed in line with the remote assessment requirements set out below **and** those listed in our 'Remote Assessment Centre Guide' document available from the 'Quality Assurance' tab at <u>www.cityandguilds.com/delivering-our-gualifications/centre-development/centre-document-library</u>

- A vocationally competent employer or a vocationally competent senior member of staff must be present during the practical skills observation, for safety and to assist the assessor, on areas of clarification or where the assessor needs to see a close-up image
- Consent must be sought and retained as evidence from clients/customers and employers
- Assessors must complete standard assessment documentation as they would face-to-face
- Live assessments do not have to be recorded but if they are, the recording must adhere to the guidance as specified in our 'Remote Assessment Centre Guide' document available from the 'Quality Assurance' tab at <u>www.cityandguilds.com/delivering-our-qualifications/centredevelopment/centre-document-library</u>

Appendices

Appendix A

List of qualifications where adaptation of assessments is permitted Please see relevant qualification section for specific permitted adaptations

QAN	City & Guilds qualification number	City & Guilds qualification title
601/6114/0	2950-02	City & Guilds Level 2 Award In Parking Enforcement - Civil Enforcement Officers (VRQ)
500/6209/8	1853-02	City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate in Knowledge of Electronic Security and Emergency Systems
500/9798/2	1853-03	City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma in Electronic, security and emergency systems
501/0032/4	2882-02	City & Guilds Level 2 NVQ Certificate in Providing Electronic Security and Emergency Systems
501/0837/2	2882-03	City & Guilds Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Providing Electronic Security and Emergency Systems

Appendix B

List of qualifications where no adaptations are permitted

QAN	City & Guilds qualification number	City & Guilds qualification title
NA	NA	NA



Further advice and guidance

For all queries relating to this guidance and arrangements, contact the Customer Support Team at City & Guilds, who are available Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm excluding UK public holidays.



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For specific queries, including those in relation to quality assurance, please contact your allocated quality team via email or on 0300 303 53 52.

Related documents, Ofqual guidance and updates can be found on our website here: <u>www.cityandguilds.com/covid-19</u>



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