

<u>Performance Table Qualifications (PTQ) arrangements (for City & Guilds Technical Qualifications) for the academic year 2021/22</u>

A joint consultation was published on 12 July by Ofqual and the Department for Education on VTQ arrangements for the academic year 2021 to 2022. The consultation closes on 26 July at 23.45.

In order for you to start to plan for the upcoming academic year, we would like to share our approach for the arrangements for City & Guilds Technical Qualifications with you, but please note that this is subject to the final outcomes of the consultation.

In Part A, the Department sets out its policy position and the scope of adaptations to assessments and qualifications that may be necessary to address the ongoing impact of the pandemic in the academic year 2021/2022. It is consulting on the equalities impacts of this policy.

In Part B, Ofqual sets out the changes to its regulatory arrangements to implement the Department's policy position. Ofqual is consulting on the impact of changing the categorisation of qualifications in its regulatory framework and on minor updates to the drafting of that framework to reflect the context of the academic year 2021/2022. This will permit awarding organisations to make adaptations to their assessments and qualifications but not to award results using alternative evidence, including TAGs.

The government's intention is that exams and assessments for vocational and technical qualifications (VTQs) and other general qualifications will go ahead in the academic year 2021/2022.

We've been working closely with the DfE and Ofqual to provide you with a summary of the arrangements for 2021/2022, for those VTQs approved for inclusion in 2022 performance tables.

- The expectation is that assessments will go ahead in the 2021/2022 academic year. For our Technicals this is the dated examinations, synoptic assignments and the centre assessed components
- However, adaptations will continue for the upcoming academic year. The scope of the adaptations for 2022 performance table qualifications includes all students who will be taking assessments for these qualifications in the academic year 2021 to 2022
- Specific adaptations will be included in synoptic assignment packs. For example, where remote assessment, streamlining of assessment or early release of assessment materials is allowed

- There will be an extension to the assessment window for the synoptic assignments
- There is an expectation that the requirement for Employer Involvement will go ahead, and we will provide further guidance on how this can be met
- Learners that were due to complete the synoptic assignment by 31 August 2021 but did not have sufficient evidence for all the tasks, can complete the assignment in Autumn 2021 and use evidence generated prior to 1 September 2021. This will not be a TAG but will go through the normal internal marking and external moderation process.

We'd like to thank you for your continued patience and support this year. We will provide more guidance once the consultation has concluded, and we have confirmed the final arrangements.

Help and support

Our Quality team is on hand to support you with any queries or questions you have about submitting results and/or uploading evidence. Please call or email us with any questions you may have, and our team will be happy to help.

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