

FAQs for Vet Nursing Patient-based Assessment (PBA) mitigation approach

Is this for both small animal and equine?

Yes. The PBA covers both pathways.

Can centres/candidates choose a specific date/time?

To manage the booking process effectively, City & Guilds will identify available dates/timeslots to individual centres. It will be the responsibility of the centre to work with their candidates and employers to be flexible to accommodate the dates offered.

When will the VN-PBA results be released?

VN-PBA results will be released on 9 November for those candidates in Phase 1 and 21 December for those candidates in Phase 2, however these are provisional dates and subject to change.

How many attempts are allowed for the VN-PBA?

The VN-PBA counts as one of the four OSCE attempts. If a candidate does not pass the VN-PBA then they cannot re-sit the VN-PBA, their next allowed attempt will be the next available OSCE.

Candidates cannot sit the VN-PBA in either Phase 1 or Phase 2 **and** an OSCE prior to results release for the VN-PBA - they must wait until results release for the VN-PBA. If they have failed, candidates can then be entered for the next available OSCE.

Will the Walled Garden allow centres to book any VN candidate onto the VN-PBA?

We are working on the data for those candidates booked onto the March OSCE which was cancelled and will not be accepting any other entries. Therefore, centres are reminded not to attempt to book any candidates into the Walled Garden.

Is there any flexibility for cut-off dates to enter candidates onto the PBA?

Unfortunately, due to the nature of this adapted assessment and expected volumes, the Veterinary Nursing Quality team will not be able to accept applications past midday on Friday 17 July for phase 1 and midday Monday 10 August for phase 2.

What is the cost of the VN-PBA?

The cost is the same as the OSCE. For centres who already booked onto the March OSCE and have been charged, no extra cost will be incurred. Further instruction will be provided to centres for those candidates who enter Phase 2 of the PBA.

Is the VN-PBA suitable for students who are completing the apprenticeship standard?

The VN-PBA is only available to candidates who were due to complete their OSCE by 31 July and who are completing either the 7457-03 or 7457-13 diploma qualification.

City & Guilds is not an approved EPAO for the Vet Nursing Standard and therefore the OSCE and/or PBA cannot be used as the EPA.

How should case studies and supplementary evidence be submitted?

All case studies and supplementary evidence must be uploaded to the Quality Delivery Portal (Learning Assistant) by Friday 28 August for phase 1.

Is there any guidance on naming conventions for case studies?

All documentation should be uploaded into the Quality Delivery Portal as follows:

- Centres should include the candidate's name in the file name and labelling must be consistent throughout.
- All documentation should be clearly named so that as it indicates what evidence it contains and the criteria it relates to and so it is clear to both City & Guilds and our examiners.
- The candidate's name should be in the file name and it should be consistent throughout E.g. JBloggs_Case_Report_Submission_Form.
- Supplementary evidence should indicate which case report it relates to e.g. JBloggs_Legislation_DOS_1.1_Case_Report_01
- The case report submission form should be one document and any supplementary evidence documents should be separate and clearly identifiable as to what they relate to. Candidates should follow their practice policy with regards to GDPR for redaction of identifying information.
- Either word or PDF documentation is acceptable.

With a number of legacy students, we have concerns about their registration end date impacting on their ability to attempt future assessments. What can we do?

As part of the VN-PBA process, City & Guilds checked registration end dates for those candidates entered onto the March OSCE and arranged extensions so not to disadvantage those candidates. We therefore strongly advise that all centres carry out their own review of their candidates' registration end dates. If an extension is required, then please contact Customer Services at centresupport@cityandguilds.com.

If a candidate has been booked onto a PBA, and the centre has supplied the case reports and withdraws more than five working days prior to the confirmed PBA then this will not count as an attempt. However, the centre will be charged an administration fee of £75 but the remainder of their original March fee will be refunded.

If a candidate has been booked onto a PBA, and the centre has supplied the case reports and withdraws within five working days or less of their confirmed PBA then this will count as an attempt and the centre will still incur the full assessment fee.