

26 January 2021

Dated entry examinations - 7457-33 (Small Animal) and 7457-43 (Equine) Veterinary Nursing

Dear Centre Contact,

We are contacting you as your centre has made entries on our upcoming 7457-33 (Small Animal) and 7457-43 (Equine) March dated entry examinations.

We would like to clarify and confirm that City & Guilds still plan to offer this assessment opportunity. We feel it is best to give you, our centres, and your learners the opportunity to take this assessment. We understand that some learners who intended to take this assessment may not be able to do so, however we do not want to disadvantage any learners who are assessment ready, by cancelling the exam.

The Department for Education has confirmed that proficiency-based assessments should continue wherever possible, subject to public health guidance. This is to ensure these students can continue to progress fairly with their studies or into employment and employers are assured that students have reached the necessary level of occupational skill.

All exams that take place must follow standard examination invigilation arrangements and all standard City & Guilds dated entry exam procedures. Remote invigilation, or alternative arrangements, are **not** permitted in any circumstances. Exam day audits by either City & Guilds or the RCVS may take place as normal.

It is not mandatory for these examinations to take place, but we are keen to continue to offer examination opportunities to any candidates who may be ready for assessment, particularly where achieving these qualifications impacts their progression and employment prospects.

Where examinations do take place, it is important to note that they should only take place where:

- they can be delivered safely by centres and in line with public health information and guidance
- candidates feel that they have had sufficient teaching and learning and feel well prepared to take the exam
- candidates feel comfortable and safe taking the examination and are not putting themselves or others at risk.

All invigilated exam expectations and procedures must be followed as per normal and exams may be subject to exam-day inspections.

The date for our March exam and following opportunities after March to take this exam can be found below:

Qualification	Exam title	Paper based / evolve onscreen exam numbers	March exam date	June exam date	September exam date	December exam date	Exam time
7457-33 Level 3 Diploma in Small Animal Veterinary Nursing	Level 3 Veterinary Nursing Small Animals (Paper 1)	7457- 400/600	Tuesday 2nd March	Monday 21 st June	Monday 27 th September	Monday 13 th December	09:30 - 11:30
	Level 3 Veterinary Nursing Small Animals (Paper 2)	7457- 401/601	Thursday 4th March	Tuesday 29 th June	Tuesday 28 th September	Tuesday 14 th December	09:30 - 11:30
	Level 3 Veterinary Nursing Small Animals (Paper 3)	7457- 402/602	Wednesday 3 rd March	Monday 28 th June	Wednesday 29 th September	Wednesday 15 th December	09:30 - 11:30
7457-43 Level 3 Diploma in Equine Veterinary Nursing	Level 3 Veterinary Nursing Equine(Paper 1)	7457- 405/605	Tuesday 2nd March	Monday 21 st June	Monday 27 th September	Monday 13 th December	09:30 - 11:30
	Level 3 Veterinary Nursing Equine (Paper 2)	7457- 406/606	Thursday 4th March	Tuesday 29 th June	Tuesday 28 th September	Tuesday 14 th December	09:30 - 11:30
	Level 3 Veterinary Nursing Equine (Paper 3)	7457- 407/607	Wednesday 3 rd March	Monday 28 th June	Wednesday 29 th September	Wednesday 15 th December	09:30 - 11:30

Please be aware that where a learner cannot or does not wish to take the exam in March, they will need to take the next scheduled exam date – we will not provide a separate contingency exam between these series.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact our customer service team via centresupport@cityandguilds.com