

Assessment mitigation centre guidance for NVQs & VRQs in relation to Covid-19 disruption, Summer 2020

ILM Qualifications

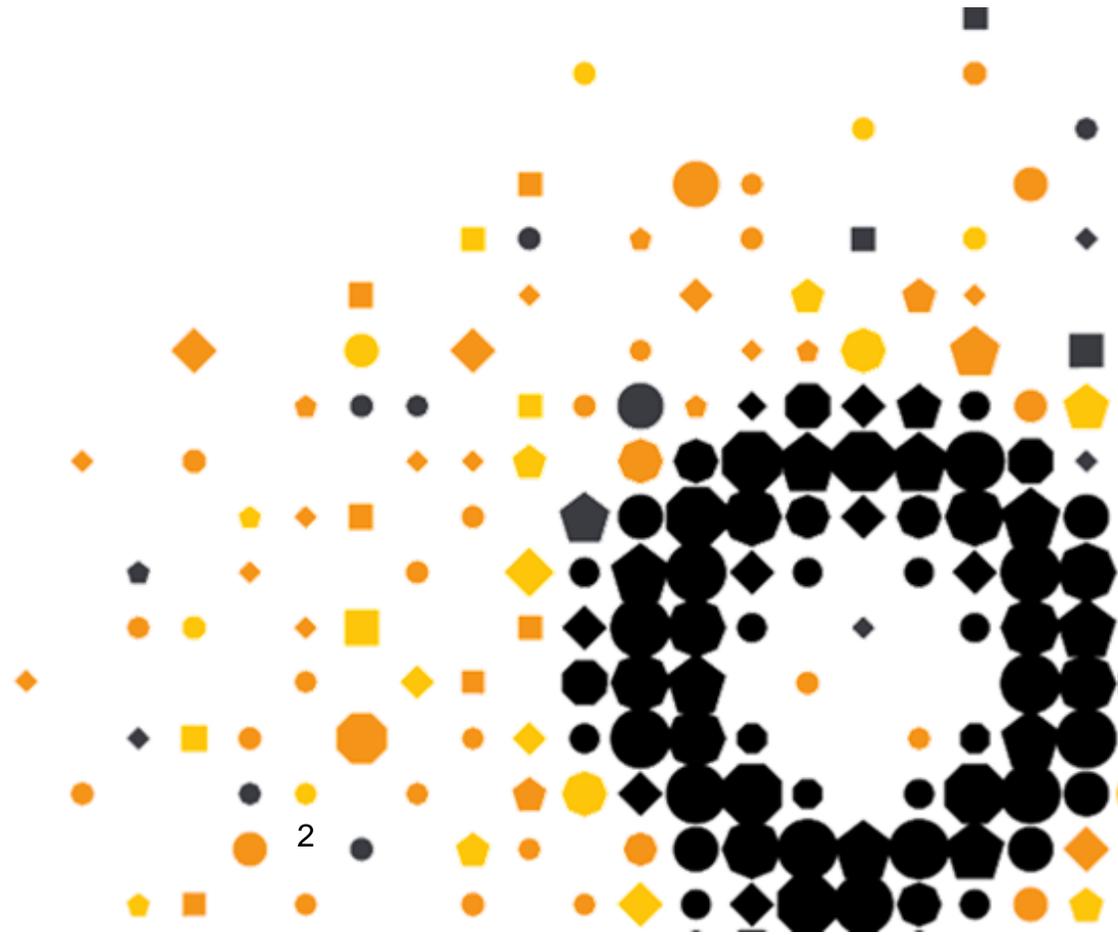
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1. Introduction

This guidance applies to OFQUAL regulated qualifications delivered in England, Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland.

Our overarching aim is to allow as many learners as possible that were due to complete/achieve their assessment/qualifications in summer 2020 to receive results, so they can progress onto further education and employment without delay.

The qualifications in this sector serve a number of purposes, such as progression to further study, signalling occupational competence, or are linked to occupational regulation, such as licence to practice and as such they vary in their assessment approaches and therefore their assessment and mitigation approaches.

This guidance covers the assessment and mitigation processes that will be applied to the qualifications in this sector. These include:

- Calculated results
- Adaptation
- Delay
- No mitigation required

We are committed to developing a process that, as far as possible, will:

1. be practical and manageable for centres
2. support the validity and reliability of learner results
3. maintain standards.



2. Scope of qualifications including those affected

For information on Exceptional Arrangements for Vocational and Technical qualifications see [here](#).

In line with the government's stated aim of ensuring parity between GQ and VTQ learners and to ensure VTQ learners can progress to HE/FE/employment, the following mitigation and assessment approaches apply, arrangements for all qualifications in this sector are detailed in this document.

Calculated results/centre-assessment grades

We have proposed calculated results/centre-assessment grades for qualifications where:

- their primary purpose is either progression to either further or higher education. Learners will receive a calculated result for assessments they were due to complete this academic year
- there is sufficient evidence available to form a valid judgement and where there are no health & safety or safeguarding issues.

There are no ILM Qualifications that fall into this category

Adaptation

We have proposed Adaptation for qualifications where:

- their primary purpose is a mix of either progression to further or higher education or signifying competence, or where the primary purpose is to signify competence.
- a calculated result/centre-assessment grade is not possible
- learners are completing programmes of study where the primary aim is linked directly to occupational or professional competence
- the validity of the assessment will remain protected
- it does not conflict with identified health and safety or safeguarding issues

For ILM qualifications there is only one qualification that falls within this category – this is

QAN	City & Guilds qualification number	City & Guilds qualification title
603/1166/6	8410-01	City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma for Managers

Which learners do the mitigation arrangements apply to?

These assessment arrangements are ONLY available to learners who meet the full criteria stated in section 3.



What mitigation arrangements are permitted for outstanding assessments if learners meet the criteria?

Outstanding assessments	Assessment component numbers	Calculated result based on centre estimation	Adaptation	Delay	No mitigation required
Assessments for knowledge and understanding alone. Externally marked Evolve test	317-318		✓		
Assessments for occupational competency Portfolio of evidence	301-316				✓

What adaptations to assessments are permitted?

Remotely invigilated e-volve tests

1. On demand e-volve tests can be delivered in the learner's home with a remote invigilator only for the assessments indicated in the table above.
2. Guidance on how to set up, deliver and invigilate tests remotely can be found on our website.
3. Specific online screen sharing software or application only are permitted for remote invigilation (see guidance document for details). The system must allow the invigilator to be able to view the candidate, their environment and their computer/laptop screen at all times during the test.
4. The test must be completed under exam conditions.
5. Remotely invigilated e-volve tests will be delivered through a web-delivery application requiring no installation to the candidate's computer.
6. This is an interim adaptation for those assessments and learners that are eligible.



Delay

For some qualifications, assessments will need to be delayed where neither estimation nor adaptation is possible.

This is very much based on the purpose and nature of the qualification.

Qualifications such as licence to practice qualifications or those qualifications considered 'high risk' will fall under this approach.

There are no ILM Qualifications that fall into this category

No mitigation required

For some qualifications it will be the case that no mitigation is required as assessments can continue to be delivered and assessed in the usual way according to the acceptable approaches within the assessment strategy/plan.

With the exception of the ILM Diploma for Managers identified above under the Adaptation heading all other ILM Qualifications fall into this category





3. Scope of Learners

These mitigation approaches are ONLY available to learners who meet the following criteria:

- Were incomplete/still registered as of 20th March 2020
- Were scheduled to complete their qualification/assessments by 31st July 2020
- Have completed a learning programme that addresses a significant proportion of the content of the qualification
- Have met any specific requirements at qualification level as set out later in this document if applicable.

For any learners where access arrangements have been agreed (for example a reader or extra time), this should be taken into consideration in the mitigation approach.

Centres should give consideration of where illness or other personal circumstances might have affected learner performance in assessments or assessment components that have already been undertaken.

Arrangements for learners out of scope

For learners out of scope please continue to offer remote and blended learning where feasible, supporting learners to prepare for their assessments once the government guidance allows them to return to their centres. The following actions should be taken by centres:

- Continue to support learners with their learning remotely in line with current and evolving social distancing requirements
- Tutors/assessors should continue to undertake formative assessment and to support remote learning

Formal summative assessment can be resumed when the centre re-opens.

International learners are not in scope for these mitigations.





4. 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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