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1. Assessment overview

This guidance contains assessment documentation for the **Level 2 Extended Technical Occupational Entry in Maintenance Operations (Diploma)**.

The assessment for this component consists of an assignment that includes an assignment brief and then a number of tasks for the candidate to complete.

Each task is assessed by a set of grading descriptors which detail the achievement required to achieve a below-pass (ie fail) level and pass level.

2. Assignment guidance

General task guidance

Please read **all** information carefully before the assessment.

This assignment assesses content from the following units:

- Unit 240 Tiling repairs and maintenance
- Unit 243 Maintenance of plumbing and drainage systems.

For this assignment – **Level 2 Extended Technical Occupational Entry in Maintenance Operations (Diploma) (7255-92) – Assignment 266** – candidates are required to complete all tasks.

Use of artificial intelligence (AI)

Candidates should be reminded that the purpose of this assessment is to reflect their own abilities at responding to and generating evidence for the tasks. AI misuse constitutes malpractice which may result in malpractice sanctions for the candidate involved. Centres should ensure candidates are aware of the guidance on the use/misuse of AI.

What is permitted

AI may be used by a candidate as a source where use of the internet is allowed for a research task or where production of evidence is allowed outside of controlled/supervised conditions. The candidate must be able to demonstrate that the work is their own. Where candidates use AI, they must acknowledge its use and show clearly how they have used it. How candidates have decided to use it could impact on the overall mark they are allocated.

What is not permitted

AI misuse is where a candidate uses an AI tool in an assessment or fails to appropriately reference it in an assessment where internet use is permitted. Examples include the following:

- Copying sections of AI-generated content so that the work is no longer the candidate's own will be treated as plagiarism.
- Copying whole responses of AI-generated content will be treated as plagiarism.
- Any use of AI which means students have not independently demonstrated their own attainment is likely to be considered malpractice.
- Failing to reference use of AI tools when they have been used as a source of information is considered malpractice.
- Incomplete or poor referencing of AI tools is considered malpractice.
- Submitting work with intentionally incomplete or misleading references or bibliographies is considered malpractice.

AI misuse constitutes malpractice as defined in the JCQ Suspected Malpractice: Policies and Procedures (<https://www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/malpractice/>).

We encourage providers to read and reference this guidance. The malpractice sanctions available for the offences of 'making a false declaration of authenticity' and 'plagiarism' include disqualification.

Time

The total time for completion of this assessment is **8 hours** broken down per task as follows:

- Task 1 – 2 hours
- Task 2 – 3 hours
- Task 3 – 3 hours.

These timings must **not** be exceeded.

All allocated task timings include time for candidates to work on and produce the required evidence, as well time for thinking, reflection and application of prior knowledge from the specification content.

Candidates are not required to have formal reading time for the scenario and brief, this is included within the duration for Task 1.

When working under supervised conditions for longer sessions, breaks can be facilitated outside of the controlled conditions, ensuring the room is locked and all candidates have vacated once the break begins. All materials must be kept securely during the break.

Resources

Candidates must have access to a suitable range of resources and personal protective equipment (PPE) to carry out the tasks and, where appropriate, to have the opportunity to choose components, tools and equipment that demonstrate their ability to select from a range of appropriate materials.

The candidate should have access to the following to select and carry out each task.

Task 1

- Risk assessment template
- Method statement template
- Access to the repair and maintenance tasks that are required to be able to carry out an assessment of the work required, taking any measurements required and selecting the materials needed

Task 2

- **Tools**
 - Adjustable spanner
 - Water pump pliers
 - Box spanner
 - Tap spanner
 - Basin wrench
 - Tap reseating tool
 - Pipe cutter

- Screwdrivers
 - Access equipment (ladder, hop up)
 - Torch
 - PPE (gloves, dust mask, goggles)
- **Materials**
 - Push-fit fittings
 - Compression fittings
 - Replacement component
 - Soldered fitting

Task 3

- **Tools**
 - Tape measure
 - Tile gauge
 - Tile cutters (manual and powered)
 - Tile saw
 - Tile nips
 - Adhesive spreader
 - Tile spacers
 - Grout float
 - Grout remover
 - Grout sponge
 - Hammer and bolster
- **Materials**
 - Replacement tiles
 - Grout
 - Adhesive or tile mortar

Task-specific guidance

Candidates must have access to a suitable range of resources to carry out the tasks and, where appropriate, to have the opportunity to choose materials demonstrating the ability to select from a range of appropriate materials.

Task 1

- Task 1 must be completed before Tasks 2, 3 and 4.
- Task 1 must be completed in a classroom setting with access to IT equipment for candidates to complete their planning on Word processing software.
- The templates must be provided both paper-based and in a suitable Word processing format.

- Templates for the method statement and risk assessment can be found in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2. These must be provided to candidates as part of this task.
- Task 1 evidence should be handed in as final at the end of Task 1. A copy of this evidence must be made available to the candidate for reference in Tasks 2, 3 and 4 but must not be amended further.

Task 2

- Task 1 must be completed before Tasks 2, 3 and 4.
- Candidates must have access to copies of their completed documentation from Task 1, for referral purposes only.
- The candidate is to conduct routine fault finding, decommissioning and repairs in a simulated bathroom area.
- The following two defects must be built into the maintenance area for discovery by the candidate:
 - defective pipework (eg leakage on waste component)
 - defective isolation valve (eg on WC).
- The following two defects must be built into the maintenance area as faults informed by the customer:
 - defective tap (eg leaking hot tap washer)
 - defects in WC siphon **or** flush valve operation (eg defective diaphragm).

Task 3

- Task 1 must be completed before Tasks 2, 3 and 4.
- Centres are permitted reasonable discretion in terms of the design and layout of the structure; however, the size of the repair areas must be complied with.
- The candidate is to identify **six** defective tiles. Where necessary, such damage should be introduced by the assessor.
- Tiles should not need to be cut round obstacles as part of this task

Resit opportunities

Candidates must achieve a pass in **all three tasks** to achieve a pass for the assessment overall.

In cases where candidates fail a task, they will be required to complete a further period of learning before then resitting all tasks within a different version of the assessment.

Candidates can retake a different version of the assignment up to a maximum of **three** times before re-registration is required.

3. Assignment brief

You are a maintenance operative, working within a school. You have been allocated a job sheet with the following information.

The job sheet provided states the following:

- The customer has reported that they have noticed the hot tap is dripping (the customer has requested that it is replaced with a new one) and the toilet is not flushing properly.
- You are required to carry out routine maintenance checks to the plumbing and waste sanitation systems for the operation of drainage for the appliances and also the operation of the isolation valve to identify the maintenance required. During the checks, you find a faulty isolation valve to the WC and a leak underneath the wash basin. Both of these need to be fixed.
- The defective components need to be identified and replaced.
- The replaced components need to be checked for correct functioning and demonstrated to the customer before completing the task.
- The customer has also reported some damaged tiles which will need to be repaired/replaced.

You will have access to the area that needs to be repaired so that you can assess the work required.

This assignment has a time allocation of **8 hours**.

4. Tasks

Task 1 – Planning of work

Prior to completing Task 1, candidates must have access to the work area/s for all tasks. Candidates can then assess and inspect the area/s and take any required measurements to ensure that they are able to complete the planning work in Task 1.

Candidates are required to plan for the work specified in the brief. Using the templates provided, candidates must:

- Complete a risk assessment.
- Complete a method statement, including a list of the required tools and materials.

Conditions of assessment

- The time allocated for this task is 2 hours.
- Candidates must carry out the task on their own, under controlled conditions.

Controlled conditions

- Candidates must only work on tasks in the allocated times.
- Assessment evidence must be handed in at the end of each session for secure storage which cannot be accessed.
- Candidates must not share or discuss their work with other candidates.
- Candidates are not permitted to bring any materials into the assessment session.

What must be produced for grading

- Completed risk assessment
- Completed method statement

Additional evidence for this task

n/a

Resources

- Access to the area that needs to be repaired
- A list of the tools and equipment available to them complete the task – this list should be in excess of the tools and equipment required to complete the task to allow the candidate to make choices
- A list of the materials and components available to them complete the task – this list should be in excess of those required to complete the task to allow the candidate to make choices

- Measuring equipment
- Risk assessment template
- Method statement template
- Appropriate PPE
- Appropriate ICT equipment and software if required by the candidate to complete the risk assessment and method statement using ICT rather than in handwritten form

Task 2 – Carry out maintenance and repairs to plumbing and drainage systems.

Candidates are now required to identify and repair the defective plumbing and waste components.

Candidates must:

- Carry out routine maintenance checks to plumbing and waste sanitation systems for the operation of all isolation valves and drainage of appliance (wash basin and WC), including the faulty isolation valve to the WC and a leak underneath the wash basin.
- Rectify defects to a dripping tap, faulty WC flush, faulty isolation valve to the WC and a leak underneath the wash basin.
- Complete soundness test for all repairs.
- Clean, check and store tools, equipment and materials after use.
- Dispose of waste materials safely and sustainably.

Conditions of assessment

- The time allocated for this task is 3 hours.
- Candidates must carry out the task on their own, under controlled conditions.

Controlled conditions

- Candidates must only work on tasks in the allocated times.
- Assessment evidence must be handed in at the end of each session for secure storage which cannot be accessed.
- Candidates must not share or discuss their work with other candidates.
- Candidates are not permitted to bring any materials into the assessment session.

What must be produced for grading

n/a

Additional evidence for this task

- Completed section of Assessor Observation Record Form (AORF)
 - Maintenance checks
 - Rectify defects to a dripping tap and the faulty
 - Soundness tests
 - Clean, check and store tool, equipment and materials after use
 - Dispose of waste materials safely and sustainably
- Four assessor photographs, capturing the task in progress and at completion – images can support judgements of quality which could affect the pass/fail decision:
 - first photograph to show the repaired pipework on the waste component
 - second photograph to show the replaced hot water tap
 - third photograph to show the repaired WC Siphon or flush valve operation

- fourth photograph to show the replaced isolation valve.

Resources

- Completed risk assessment from Task 1
- Completed method statement from Task 1
- The equipment must be installed in an installation bay of sufficient size to accommodate the below components within its dimensions
- All of the sanitary ware must be in good condition and to a commercially acceptable standard and should include:
 - one WC to be close coupled
 - pedestal wash basin

Both appliances need to have their own isolation valve and there needs to be an accessible overall stop valve

- The bay must contain dedicated drainage/soil pipework to enable work to be carried out; all the pipework must be pre-installed
- Appropriate PPE
- Tools

Task 3 – Carry out tiling and grouting repairs.

Candidates are now required to repair the area of defective/damaged wall tiles.

Candidates must:

- Remove the defective/damaged tiles.
- Replace defective/damaged tiles.
- Grout with matching grout.
- Clean, check and store tools, equipment and materials after use.
- Dispose of waste materials safely and sustainably.

Conditions of assessment

- The time allocated for this task is 3 hours.
- Candidates must carry out the task on their own, under controlled conditions.

Controlled conditions

- Candidates must only work on tasks in the allocated times.
- Assessment evidence must be handed in at the end of each session for secure storage which cannot be accessed.
- Candidates must not share or discuss their work with other candidates.
- Candidates are not permitted to bring any materials into the assessment session.

What must be produced for grading

n/a

Additional evidence for this task

- Completed section of the AORF:
 - Remove and replace defective/damaged tiles.
 - Grout with matching grout.
 - Clean, check and store tools, equipment and materials after use.
 - Dispose of waste materials safely and sustainably.
- Five assessor photographs, capturing the task in progress and at completion – images can support judgements of quality which could affect the pass/fail decision:
 - first photograph to show damaged tiles have been removed without damage to surrounding area
 - second photograph to show area of wall prepared for replacement tiles
 - third photograph to show replaced tiles correctly aligned (pre-grouting)
 - fourth photograph to show replaced tiles after grouting
 - fifth photograph to show finished and cleaned area of replaced tiles.

Resources

- Completed risk assessment from Task 1
- Completed method statement from Task 1
- **Materials**
 - Tiles
 - Tile adhesive
 - Grout
 - Tile spacers (variety of sizes)
- **Tools, equipment and fixings**
 - Hammer and bolster
 - Adhesive spreader
 - Grout float
 - Sponge
 - Bucket

5. Grading

Task grading descriptors

Grading descriptors for each task are displayed in the tables below. Each table includes a descriptor of candidate evidence at minimum 'pass' level and just below pass level, ie fail.

Assessors should consider the grading descriptors in each task table and consider whether candidates have met each of the descriptors that define the minimal performance required for a pass grade. The indicative content is specific for **this version** of the assignment and is provided to supplement the grade descriptors, giving a sense of the intentions of the task evidence and expected parameters of the response for the given assignment version. The indicative content is not, however, exhaustive. The assessor should use the indicative content to support their judgement, but ultimately, the judgement should be based on whether the candidate evidence meets the minimal pass requirements as outlined by the grading descriptors. The fail descriptor may be helpful to support the assessor to confirm that the evidence presented meets the pass requirement – but note, **all** individual grading descriptors within a marking grid **must** be met at the pass descriptor in order to confirm a pass grade for the task.

All tasks must be completed successfully for a pass grade to be awarded.

Task 1 – Planning of work

Fail	Pass
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Method statement includes some of the required tools, equipment, materials and components for some aspects of the tasks. The candidate has omitted the inclusion of tools, equipment, materials and components, which would fail to allow the tasks to be completed. • Method statement outlines some of the stages needed to undertake the work, but has steps or stages omitted or reflected in an order that would have negative ramifications for the application and finish. • Risk assessment identifies some hazards, risk or safety concerns – but has omitted key points that would cause safety concerns with the work to be carried out. Required PPE has been omitted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Method statement includes the required tools, equipment, materials and components for completion of the tasks required. • Selected materials mostly ensure compliance with manufacturer's specifications, installation instructions and regulatory requirements. • Method statement outlines the key steps and stages for each task, in the correct order, to prepare for subsequent and follow-on application and finish. • Risk assessment identifies key hazards, risks and safety concerns for the tasks, and lists correct PPE required, giving confidence that the candidate could undertake the work safely.

Indicative content (what will be seen for this version of the task)

- **Identification and listing of all tools, equipment, materials and components** to complete the work tasks, including repairing the plumbing and drainage defects stated and repairing the area of damaged tiles
- **Identification of key hazards, risks and safety concerns for the tasks**, including inhalation of dust, slips and trips, manual handling, and contact of irritant and harmful substances
- **Identification of correct PPE required for each task**, including dust masks, gloves, glasses, high-vis, and ear defenders for use of hand and power tools to carry out the work safely

Task 2 – Carry out maintenance and repairs to plumbing and drainage systems.

Fail	Pass
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work area has been set up, but without full consideration of the implications of the space or task, and with concern that some potential health and safety hazards may not be fully considered or mitigated against. • Incorrect tools and/or materials selected or used incorrectly, resulting in a finish with some defects. • Defective and damaged plumbing and waste components incorrectly identified through routine maintenance checks specified. • Water supply not isolated to ensure minimum disruption to customer, when all repairs completed. • Not all defective and damaged plumbing and waste components replaced. • Repairs not tested for soundness. • Work area not maintained to a clean, safe and tidy standard and poses health and safety risks. • Tools not cleaned and checked, and materials not stored correctly after use. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work area set out safely with consideration of the space to be worked in and requirements of the task, avoiding any potential health and safety hazards. • Tools and materials used are mostly appropriate, resulting in quality finish. • Selected materials mostly used in a way that ensures compliance with manufacturer's specifications, installation instructions and regulatory requirements. • Defective and damaged plumbing and waste components identified correctly during the routine maintenance checks specified. • Water supply isolated at the required location to cause minimum disruption of water supply to the customer, while repairs are completed. • All defective and damaged plumbing and waste components stated replaced with the correct replacement components. • All repairs tested for soundness and any identified issues resolved, where possible.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waste not disposed of in a safe and sustainable manner. • Current environmental and current health and safety regulations not followed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean, safe and tidy work area maintained and the surrounding area immediately adjacent to the work protected, resulting in minimal damage. • Tools, equipment and materials cleaned and checked, and stored after use. • Excess resources and waste mostly suitably segregated for reuse, recycling and disposal. • Waste materials disposed of safely and sustainably, where possible. • Current environmental and current health and safety regulations followed.
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Indicative content (what will be seen for **this version** of the task)

N/A

Task 3 – Carry out tiling and grouting repairs.

Fail	Pass
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work area has been set up, but without full consideration of the implications of the space or task, and with concern that some potential health and safety hazards may not be fully considered or mitigated against. • Incorrect tools and/or materials selected or used incorrectly, resulting in a finish with some defects. • Area of identified defective tiles exceeds the number of defective tiles, leading to excessive wastage of materials. • Surrounding area not protected from damage, or sustained significant unnecessary damage. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work area set out safely with consideration of the space to be worked in and requirements of the task, avoiding any potential health and safety hazards. • Tools and material used are mostly appropriate, resulting in quality finish. • Selected materials mostly ensure compliance with manufacturer’s specifications, installation instructions and regulatory requirements • No more than two extra tiles identified for removal in addition to the actual defective and damaged tiles identified, to minimise waste. • Surrounding area sufficiently protected and any damage is minimal.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional tiles removed or damaged in excess of the amount stated within the task. • Surface not prepared sufficiently to allow for replacement tiles to be securely and correctly fixed. • Unsuitable adhesive used to fix tiles to the surface, not allowing secure fixing. • Replaced tiles not aligned correctly. • Replaced tiles not grouted correctly. • Work area not maintained to a clean, safe and tidy standard, and poses health and safety risks. • Tools not cleaned and checked, and materials not stored correctly after use. • Waste not disposed of in a safe and sustainable manner. • Current environmental and current health and safety regulations not followed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defective tiles removed without causing excessive damage to the surrounding tiled area. • Surface prepared correctly for attaching the replacement tiles to allow for tiles to be fixed securely and aligned with existing tiles. • Tiles fixed to the surface using a suitable adhesive, allowing secure fixing. • Replaced tiles to correct line/alignment with minimal difference in the level with the existing tiles so that the overall finish is not affected significantly. • Replaced tiles grouted correctly and the grout used matches in with the existing finish. • Clean, safe and tidy work area maintained and the surrounding area immediately adjacent to the work protected, resulting in minimal damage. • Tools, equipment and materials cleaned, checked and stored after use. • Excess resources and waste mostly suitably segregated for reuse, recycling and disposal. • Waste materials disposed of safely and sustainably, where possible. • Current environmental and current health and safety regulations followed.
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Indicative content (what will be seen for this version of the task)

- Six defective tiles identified

6. Centre guidance

Guidance provided in this document supports the administration of this assessment.

This assessment is designed to require the candidate to make use of the knowledge, understanding and the practical skills that they have built up over the course of their learning to tackle tasks/problems/challenges.

This approach to assessment emphasises to candidates the importance and applicability of the full range of their learning to practice in their industry area and supports them in learning to take responsibility for transferring their knowledge, understanding and skills to the practical situation, fostering independence, autonomy and confidence.

Candidates are provided with an assignment brief. They then have to draw on their knowledge and skills and independently select the correct processes, tools, equipment, materials and approaches to take, to complete the brief.

During the learning programme, it is expected that tutors will have taken the opportunity to set shorter, formative tasks that allow candidates to be supported to independently use the learning they have so far covered, drawing this together in a similar way, so they are familiar with the format, conditions and expectations of the assessment.

Candidates should be made aware during learning what the assessment will be measuring, and how the assessment will be marked. Learners should understand the level of performance that will be required as a minimum to demonstrate competence.

Candidates should not be entered for the assessment until the end of the course of learning for the qualification, so they are in a position to complete the assignment successfully.

Health and safety

Candidates must not be entered for assessment without being clear on the importance of working safely and having attended sufficient practical training to be able to work safely. The assessor must immediately stop an assessment if a candidate works unsafely. At the discretion of the assessor, depending on the severity of the incident, the candidate may be given a warning. If they continue to work unsafely however, risking the safety of themselves or others, their assessment must be ended, and they must retake the assessment in a future series after significant further training has taken place. Any warnings issued to a candidate must be considered as part of the marking process and recorded on the AORF. Any actions that have led to that warning must be detailed on the AORF, so they can be considered along with the other evidence when applying the grading descriptors.

Compliance with timings

Due to the nature of this assessment, the maximum time allowances provided for each task must be adhered to. They refer directly to assessment time, not any additional setting up times the centre needs to create an appropriate assessment environment.

Scheduling assessment sessions

It is the centre's responsibility to arrange how time is managed to fit within timetables and meet the times allocated for each task within this assessment.

When working under supervised conditions for longer sessions, breaks can be facilitated outside of the controlled conditions, ensuring the room is locked and all candidates have vacated once the break begins. All materials must be kept securely during the break.

Centres should aim to schedule tasks in the fewest number of assessment sessions but ensure that the durations dictated for each task are covered. In order to aid deliverability and manageability of assessment, sessions can be split where there is a requirement. Where this is necessary, sessions should, where possible, be timetabled over consecutive days and in as few sessions as possible. All assessment evidence must be stored securely, and access to assessment materials and their work only given to candidates during the formal assessment times. All candidates are required to complete a declaration of authenticity along with their evidence submission, and the arrangements must support the assessor in being confident in confirming authenticity.

Where assessments need to be completed in a number of assessment sessions or over consecutive days, all practical work areas and any evidence produced must be kept secure and must only be accessed by the assessor. Information and notices should be used to inform other users of the facility that no access will be granted when assessment sessions are in progress. Practical work areas, tools, equipment and systems for the assessment must not be reset until a candidate has completed the full assessment.

Assessor student ratios

The number of candidates an assessor will be able to observe at one time will vary depending on local conditions relating to:

- monitoring and maintaining safety during assessment:
 - any specific hazards related to the task that pose a risk of harm in relation to the competence of the learners
 - availability of supervisory staff to support the assessor
- the practicalities of collecting evidence:
 - the complexity of evidence collection for the task
 - whether there are any peak times where there is a lot of evidence to collect that will need additional support or any that are quieter which may be eased through staggered starts etc
 - local conditions, eg:
 - layout of the assessment environment and sufficient assessor line of sight to task activity throughout the assessment period
 - amount of additional support available (eg to capture image/video evidence)
 - availability of suitable workspaces/bays or of shared resources and equipment.

Centres are advised to trial the planned arrangements during formative assessment, reviewing the quality of evidence captured and manageability. It is expected that for straightforward observations, with favourable local conditions and support (and unless otherwise specified), **no more than six candidates** will be observed by a single assessor at one time, and the number will usually be fewer than this maximum. The key factors to consider are the logistics of collecting sufficient evidence and ability to remain working safely in the assessment environment. A timetable of assessments and layout of the workspaces detailing:

- the students being assessed at each workstation
- the assessor(s)
- support staff present

must be available for verification.

Observation evidence

Observation notes form part of the candidate's evidence and must capture evidence of student performance during the practical tasks, describing how well the activity has been carried out, rather than stating the steps/actions that the candidate has taken. The notes must be very descriptive and focus on the quality of the performance that are notable in relation to the quality indicators in the grading descriptors. They must provide sufficient, appropriate evidence that can be used by the assessor to assess the performance against the grading descriptors.

Identifying what it is about the performances that is different between candidates can clarify the qualities that are important to record. Each candidate is likely to carry out the same steps, so a checklist of this information would not help differentiate between them. However, qualitative comments on how well they do it, and quantitative records of accuracy and tolerances would.

The assessor should refer to the grading descriptors to ensure appropriate aspects of performance are recorded. These notes will be used for grading and verification purposes and so must be detailed, accurate and differentiating.

Assessors should ensure that any required additional supporting evidence, including photographs or video, can be easily matched to the correct candidate, and are clear, well-lit and showing the areas of particular interest in sufficient detail and clarity for assessment (ie taken at appropriate points in production, showing accuracy of measurements where appropriate).

Assessor grading and justification is completed on a separate form (Candidate Record Form (CRF)).

As far as possible, candidates must not be distracted, or their performance affected, by the process of observation and evidence collection.

Video and photograph evidence

The assessment materials for each assignment identify the minimum candidate and assessor evidence requirements to support grading and verification. Where ephemeral evidence (eg areas of candidate performance that may be hard to capture with photographs and assessor notes alone) is a significant part of the practical assessment, City & Guilds will prescribe the type/capture where the use of video is necessary for practical assessment components (eg specifying exactly which elements of the practical must be videoed, or photographed), and any technical specifications for these forms of evidence, eg length of videos, maximum file sizes etc, will also be supplied. Photographic and video evidence will be submitted along with the written candidate evidence and assessor evidence as described in the additional evidence section of the task.

Please note that centres must ensure that video evidence and photo evidence is clear and meets the minimum requirements.

Minimum evidence requirements for grading

The following sections in the assignment:

- ***What must be produced for grading***
- ***Additional evidence for this task***

list the minimum requirements of evidence to be submitted for grading and the verification sample.

Evidence produced during assessment above and beyond this may be submitted, as long as it provides useful information for grading and verification and has been produced under appropriate conditions.

Preparation of candidates

Candidates should be aware which aspects of their performance will support them achieving a pass in assessment. This is best carried out through routinely pointing out good or poor performance during the learning period, and through formative assessment. Although candidates will not have access to the grading descriptors during the assessment, candidates should be made aware of what they need to do to achieve a pass by referring to and formatively being assessed against grade descriptors as part of their formal learning programme.

During the learning programme, direct tutor instruction in how to approach tasks through modelling, support, guidance and feedback are critical. However, gradual removal of this support is necessary in preparation for summative assessment. This supported approach is not valid for summative assessment.

The purpose of summative assessment is to confirm the standard the candidate has reached as a result of participating in the learning process. Candidates should be encouraged to do the best they can and be made aware of the difference between these summative assessments and any formative assessments they have been subject to. Candidates will not have access to the grading descriptors.

Guidance on assessment conditions

The assessment conditions that are in place for this assignment are to:

- ensure the rigour of the assessment process
- provide fairness for candidates
- give confidence in the outcome.

They can be thought of as the rules that ensure that all candidates who take an assessment are being treated fairly, equally and in a manner that ensures their result reflects their true ability.

The conditions outlined below relate to the tasks within this assignment. These do not affect any formative assessment work that takes place, although it is advised that candidates are prepared for the conditions they will need to work under during summative assessment.

The evidence for the tasks that make up this assignment must be completed under the specified conditions. This is to ensure authenticity and prevent malpractice as well as to assess and record candidate performance for assessment in the practical tasks. It is the centre's responsibility to ensure that local administration and oversight gives the assessor sufficient confidence to be able to confirm the authenticity of the candidate's work.

Security and authentication of candidate work

Candidate evidence must be kept secure to prevent unsupervised access by the candidate or others. Where evidence is produced over a number of sessions, the assessor must ensure learners and others cannot access the evidence without supervision. This might include storing written work or artefacts in locked cupboards and collecting memory sticks of evidence produced electronically at the end of each session.

Candidates are required to sign declarations of authenticity, as is the assessor. The relevant form is included in this assignment pack and must be signed after the production of all evidence.

Where the candidate or assessor is unable to or does not confirm authenticity through signing the declaration form, the work cannot be accepted, and a grade of fail will be given. If any question of authenticity arises, eg at verification, the centre may be contacted for justification of authentication.

Accessibility and fairness

Where a candidate has special requirements, assessors should refer to the *Access arrangements and reasonable adjustments* section of the City & Guilds website.

Assessors can support access where necessary by providing clarification to any candidate on the requirements or timings of any aspect of this assignment. Assessors should not provide more guidance than the candidate needs as this may impact on the candidate's grade; see the guidance and feedback section below.

All candidates must be provided with an environment, time frame and resources that allows them reasonable access to a pass grade.

Guidance and feedback

To support centre file management, assessors may specify a suitable file format and referencing format for evidence (unless otherwise specified, eg if file naming is an assessment point for the assignment). Guidance must only support access to the assignment brief and must not provide feedback for improvement. The level and frequency of clarification and guidance must be:

- recorded fully on the AORF
- taken into account along with the candidate's final evidence during grading
- made available for verification.

Assessors must not provide feedback on the quality of the performance or how the quality of evidence can be improved. This would be classed as malpractice. However, this does not apply if the assessor asks questions as part of the assessment process. Such requirements will be specifically stated within the task centre guidance.

Assessors should however provide general reminders to candidates throughout the assessment period to check their work thoroughly before submitting it, and to be sure that they are happy with their final evidence as it may not be worked on further after submission.

Candidates can rework any evidence that has been produced for each task during the time allowed.

Assessors should check and be aware of the candidates' plans and designs to ensure management of time and resources is appropriate, and so any allowed intervention can take place at an appropriate time.

The information on the guidance given and captured on the AORF is part of the evidence that must be taken into account along with the other evidence for the task when grading. It is up to the assessor to decide if the guidance the candidate has required suggests they are lacking in any performance outcome and consider the severity of the issue when applying the grading criteria. The assessor must record where and how guidance has had an impact on the grade, so this is available should queries arise at verification.

What is, and is not, an appropriate level of guidance

- An assessor should intervene with caution if a candidate has taken a course of action that will result in them not being able to submit the full range of evidence for assessment. However, this should only take place once the assessor has prompted the candidate to check that they have covered all the requirements. Where the assessor has to be explicit as to what the issue is, this is likely to demonstrate a lack of understanding on the part of the candidate rather than a simple error, and full details should be recorded on the CRF.
- The assessor should not provide guidance if the candidate is thought to be able to correct the issue without it, and a prompt would suffice. In other words, only the minimum support the candidate actually needs should be given, since the more the assessor guidance provided, the less the candidate's own performance is demonstrated and therefore the larger the impact on the grade awarded.
- The assessor must not provide guidance that the candidate's work is not at the required standard or how to improve their work. In this way, candidates are given the chance to identify and correct any errors on their own, providing valid evidence of knowledge and skills that will be credited during grading.
- The assessor must not produce any templates, pro-formas, work logs etc. If templates are provided by City & Guilds as part of the assignment, these should not be adapted but can be provided to candidates either electronically or as paper-based. Compliance of this requirement may be checked as part of the verification process.

All specific prompts and details of the nature of any further guidance must be recorded on the relevant form and reviewed during grading and verification.

Submission of/retention of evidence

In order to fully support candidates, centres are required to retain candidates' evidence until the next external quality assurer (EQA) sampling activity. However, where this is not practical, the centre must keep all the relevant assessment records in place to show the progress of the candidate throughout their qualification. Candidate assessment records must be retained for three years after certification.

See Appendix B: Quality Assurance Standards in the Centre Handbook for details.

7. Assessor Observation Record Form

Task	Qualification number
Candidate name	Candidate number
Centre name	

Complete the tables below referring to the relevant marking grid/grade descriptors, found in the assessment pack.

Assessor observation	Notes – <i>capture detailed, accurate and differentiating notes which identify how the evidence meets the requirements of the marking grid/grading descriptors. Also capture any other information relevant to the assessment of this task/assessment, eg any support provided.</i>

Assessor signature	Date

8. Candidate Record Form

Candidate name	Candidate number
Centre name	Centre number

Marker Notes – Please always refer to the relevant grading grid for guidance on criteria and make notes which describe the quality of the evidence and justification of how the grading descriptors have been met. Expand boxes as required

Task	Notes and justification	Outcome
Task 1		Pass / fail
Task 2		Pass / fail
Task 3		Pass / fail

Internal assessor name	Date
Internal assessor signature	

9. Declaration of Authenticity

Assessment ID	Qualification number
Candidate name	Candidate number
Centre name	Centre number

Additional Support

Has the candidate received any additional support in the production of this work?

No Yes (Please tick appropriate)

If yes, give details below (and on a separate sheet if necessary).

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Candidate:

I confirm that all work submitted is my own, and that I have acknowledged all sources I have used.

Candidate signature	Date

Assessor:

I confirm that all work was conducted under conditions designed to assure the authenticity of the candidate's work, and am satisfied that, to the best of my knowledge, the work produced is solely that of the candidate.

Assessor signature	Date

Note: Where the candidate and/or assessor is unable to or does not confirm authenticity through signing this declaration form, the work will be returned to the centre and this will delay the moderation process.

NB – If any question of authenticity arises, the assessor may be contacted for justification of authentication.

Appendix 1 – Sources of general information

The following documents contain essential information for centres delivering City & Guilds qualifications. They should be referred to in conjunction with this handbook. To download the documents and to find other useful documents, go to the Centre document library on www.cityandguilds.com or click on the links below:

Centre Handbook: Quality Assurance Standards

This document is for all approved centres and provides guidance to support their delivery of our qualifications. It includes information on:

- centre quality assurance criteria and monitoring activities
- administration and assessment systems
- centre-facing support teams at City & Guilds/ILM
- centre quality assurance roles and responsibilities.

The Centre Handbook should be used to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of the centre contract.

Centre Handbook: Quality Assurance Standards

This document sets out the minimum common quality assurance requirements for our regulated and non-regulated qualifications that feature centre-assessed components. Specific guidance will also be included in relevant qualification handbooks and/or assessment documentation.

It incorporates our expectations for centre internal quality assurance and the external quality assurance methods we use to ensure that assessment standards are met and upheld. It also details the range of sanctions that may be put in place when centres do not comply with our requirements or actions that will be taken to align centre marking/assessment to required standards. Additionally, it provides detailed guidance on the secure and valid administration of centre assessments.

Access arrangements: When and how applications need to be made to City & Guilds provides full details of the arrangements that may be made to facilitate access to assessments and qualifications for candidates who are eligible for adjustments in assessment.

The Centre document library also contains useful information on such things as:

- conducting examinations
- registering learners
- appeals and malpractice.

Useful contacts

Please visit the Contact us section of the City & Guilds website, [Contact us](#).

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Appendix 2 – Method statement template

Activity/task Use this column to indicate the different steps and activities/tasks needed to complete each task.	Tools, equipment and components required Use this column to indicate what tools, equipment and components are required for each activity/task. Include quantities and measurements, as applicable.

Appendix 3 – Risk assessment template

Health and safety concerns Use this column to indicate any potential hazards, risks or health and safety concerns that are a consideration when completing the activities/tasks.	PPE and other control measures Use this column to indicate any required PPE and other control measures you will need for each step in the task or that which will be needed as a control measure for any hazards, risks or health and safety concerns identified.

Appendix 4 – Mapping of tasks to transferrable employability skills

The following transferable employability skills underpin the content of this qualification. The grid below provides an overview of where the employability skills map to and are best demonstrated within this practical assessment.

Transferrable employability skills	Task		
	1	2	3
Communication in the workplace			
Selects appropriate formats for written communication for different purposes and audiences, in line with workplace conventions or procedures, where appropriate (CSW1)	Y		
Produces documents of different types that are appropriate (eg in terms of length, style and language use) for the purpose and intended audience (CSW2)	Y		
Combines text, images and/or graphics in written documents as appropriate to audience and purpose (CSW3)	Y		
Accurately and appropriately uses terminology associated with a particular workplace or sector in written communication (CSW5)	Y		
Communicates clearly in different situations, adjusting register and tone to match the audience and purpose of the communication (CSW6)	Y		
Workplace conduct			
Identifies and follows codes of conduct (eg for personal presentation, timekeeping) as appropriate to own role (CW1)	Y	Y	Y
Interacts appropriately with peers, managers and customers (CW2)	Y		
Applies sufficient effort to enable them to complete tasks set to the standard required (CW3)	Y	Y	Y
Demonstrates initiative in carrying out own role (CW4)	Y	Y	Y
Problem solving			
Gathers appropriate information or advice from different sources to help solve a specific work-related problem (PSW1)	Y	Y	Y
Assesses a range of potential solutions, applying appropriate problem-solving strategies (PSW2)	Y	Y	Y

Selects a specific solution, justifying why this one is the most likely to prove effective (PSW3)	Y	Y	Y
Presents a clear action plan, including tasks and timelines, for implementing a chosen solution to a specific work-related problem (PSW4)	Y		
Time management skills			
Plans work: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • according to priority • taking into account length of time needed to complete tasks • in order to meet deadlines • including appropriate breaks (TMS1) 	Y	Y	Y
Works at an appropriate pace to carry out tasks in accordance with plan (TMS2)	Y	Y	Y
Adjusts approach in response to any change of circumstance (eg one task over-running), as appropriate, to ensure remaining time is spent effectively (TMS3)		Y	Y