Level 2 Certificate in Pharmaceutical Science 5356-02 Transition to online platform for assessments

We had good feedback about and support for the proposed change to the Level 2 Pharmaceutical Science units to be individually assessed via our online platform, *e-volve*. We therefore went ahead with the transition to online on 1 November 2013. We will have a short overlap period where both assessments are available for each unit, ultimately withdrawing the assignments completely from 1 February 2014. The unit numbers have changed in order to reflect the new assessments. The new unit numbers run from -251 to -260. For those centres that want to submit results for candidates via assignment during the overlap period, this can be done via <u>S-Form</u> or via <u>Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)</u>. These processes still recognise the former unit numbers -201 to -210 for this purpose.

Benefits of e-volve

There are numerous benefits to using *e-volve* online assessments. You can

- ✓ Set tests whenever is most convenient for you and your learners 24 hours a day 365 days a year
- ✓ Conduct tests anywhere, provided it's invigilated.
- ✓ Receive performance feedback within seconds and certificates within days
- ✓ Reduce administration and paperwork no storing, couriering or marking of papers
- ✓ Download and deliver tests without the need for a permanent internet connection
- ✓ Test just one or many learners anywhere using laptops to enable individuals to progress in their own time.

Revised unit range

The range has been updated in the units and has informed the multiple choice items used in the online tests. These changes have already been included in the latest version of the Level 2 handbook, available on the <u>website</u> as the tests go live.

Costs of getting e-volve

The first online test will be free for each candidate. However resits of the online test will be charged at £10 to cover the background administration costs. You can find more information on the following link. And if you are ready to get started with e-volve, simply click on the 'Getting e-volve' button on the link below. The full process can be completed within two weeks.

http://www.cityandguilds.com/Provide-Training/Delivery-Success/e-volve

Practice tests

We are not planning to do a pharmaceutical science-specific practice test, because we elected to use all the items for the live tests. However, candidates and tutors can familiarise themselves with the feel of the e-volve test at any point through the simulation below. <u>http://media.cityandguilds.com/evolve/captivate/CandidateInterfaceSecureClient.htm</u>