

Adaptation Addendum

Academic Year 2021-2022

Introduction

The government's intention is that work placements, exams and assessments will take place in the academic year 2021 to 2022. Therefore, we also remain committed to ensuring exams and assessments go ahead in the academic year 2021 to 2022. This is because assessments and exams continue to be the fairest way for students to evidence what they know, all other things being equal.

We recognise that students who will be taking exams and assessments in 2021 to 2022 have had significant disruption to their education since March 2020, and we remain committed in continuing to support students in the face of any further disruption.

In the academic year of 2021 to 2022 under the 'Vocational and Technical Qualifications Contingency Regulatory Framework' (VCRF) all qualifications will move into Category A. This means all assessments are expected to continue but we are permitted to continue to make adaptations to assessments and qualifications to take account of the ongoing impact of the pandemic, where we can do so without undermining the validity and reliability of our qualifications.

T Levels¹ adaptations may be considered to the delivery of Occupational Specialism assessments only. This may include, for example, pushing the set time for the Occupational Specialism assessment back further in the academic year so students have more time to develop required skills. Any adaptations proposed would need to be agreed by Ofqual and the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (the Institute) before being communicated. Students must only access adaptations where approved and where they are needed to mitigate the impact of learning loss, continued disruption and / or ongoing public health restrictions. This will be monitored through our external quality assurance process to support the validation of any adaptations adopted, ensuring they are not applied where not needed.

This addendum contains further information on what specific adaptations are permitted for this qualification in the academic year of 2021 to 2022, please see further details below.

Assessment adaptation

No.	Assessment	2021/2022 Academic Year Adaptations
6	Set date assessments: Core Exam	<p>The arrangements for T Levels set out in the VCRF consultation outcomes are, in line with other VTQs, that exams and assessments should go ahead in 2021 to 2022. There will be no adaptations to the core exam.</p> <p>The key dates schedule can be found here: https://www.qualhub.co.uk/media/17784/ncfe-t-level-key-dates-schedule v10 july-21.pdf</p>
9	Employer-set project for T Levels	<p>The arrangements for T Levels set out in the VCRF consultation outcomes are, in line with other VTQs, that exams and assessments should go ahead in 2021 to 2022. There will be no adaptations to the employer-set project.</p> <p>The key dates schedule can be found here: https://www.qualhub.co.uk/media/17784/ncfe-t-level-key-dates-schedule v10 july-21.pdf</p>
12	Synoptic assignments and observation of skills assessment within occupational specialisms of the Technical Qualification: T Levels	<p>The arrangements for T Levels set out in the VCRF consultation outcomes are, in line with other VTQs, that exams and assessments should go ahead in 2021 to 2022. To help students prepare for occupational specialism assessments, there may be adaptations made to the delivery of occupational specialism assessments. This may include, for example, pushing the set time for occupational specialism assessments back further in the academic year so students have more time to develop required skills. Any adaptations proposed will need to be agreed by Ofqual and the Institute. Any further adaptations, if approved, will be communicated to customers as soon as we are able to.</p> <p>As published in the qualification specification a temporary flexibility, for the Early Years Educator occupational specialism, to be used in exceptional situations, is available for students who commenced their T Level in September 2020. (link)</p>

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