

Your guide to the changes for 2021

Following [Ofqual's consultation](#) on arrangements for the assessment of VTQs in 2020/21, we've reviewed units in our Cambridge Nationals and Cambridge Technicals being taken this academic year to provide specific guidance at qualification and unit level on changes to requirements or alternative approaches to support public health guidance.

Our changes are designed to make units to be taken in 2020/21 possible to complete, given the constraints you are all working with, and to make sure that the learning outcomes and assessment criteria can still be met.

We understand that the current disruption continues to change and also varies across regions, so our guidance gives acceptable alternatives you can consider when delivering units in your school /college while following the public health guidance.

Please use the [specification and assignments](#) available on our website, alongside this document, to plan and carry out assessment in 2020-21.

Suggested adaptations

Unit number(s) and title(s)	Learning objectives (LO)	Criteria	Issues identified in the unit(s)	Adaptations / solutions
1: Communication in health and social care	LO3: Be able to communicate effectively	P3: Take part in an effective one-to-one interaction P4: Take part in an effective group interaction	Candidates need to use verbal and non-verbal communication and listening skills in a health and social care context.	If candidates cannot take part in a work experience placement, they can use role play with peers or staff, conducted in the classroom. This is already allowed for this unit. The interactions can either take place face-to face or via video link. Candidates must provide evidence of each interaction. This evidence may be written records, identifying: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • who was involved • the content of the interaction and • when and where the interaction took place.

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				<p>The evidence must include a signed witness statement.</p> <p>Both interactions can be video recorded and used as evidence.</p> <p>Candidates must make sure that participants are aware of the information being collected and what it is used for. They must maintain confidentiality at all times.</p>
5: Vocational experience in a health or social care setting	LO2: Be able to complete a period of work experience in a health or social care setting	P3: Carry out a period of work experience, using relevant skills, in a health or social care setting	Candidates must complete a period of work experience in a health or social care setting.	<p>Candidates must still carry out work experience in a health or social care setting, but the minimum number of hours of work experience required has been reduced to 5 hours.</p> <p>Candidates must still complete a log book as evidence of the hours of work experience as normal.</p> <p>If it is not possible to complete at least 5 hours of work experience, please choose an alternative optional unit for assessment.</p>

Support

OCR's team of expert Subject Advisors has created videos, webinars, and other resources to guide you through these changes and help you prepare your students for their exams in summer 2021.

These resources can be found on [the qualification page on our website](#).

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