

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
Unit 8: Personal and professional development in health and social care	LO3: Be able to reflect on own development over time	P4: Produce evidence of own progress against action plan over the duration of the programme P5: Reflect on own personal and professional development	Candidates need to complete 100 hours of work experience in a health and social care setting. It is recommended that this takes place across at least three different placements.	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 25 hours . We have removed the recommendation that the work experience takes place across three different placements. All other requirements of the unit remain unchanged. If it is not possible to complete at least 25 hours of work experience, please choose an alternative optional unit for assessment.

Unit number(s) and title(s)	Learning objectives (LO)	Criteria	Issues identified in the unit(s)	Adaptations / solutions
Unit 26: Exploring personal and professional development in health and social care	LO3: Be able to reflect on own development over time	P4: Produce evidence of own progress against action plan over the duration of the programme P5: Reflect on own personal and professional development	Candidates need to complete 50 hours of work experience in a health and social care setting. It is recommended that this takes place across at least two different placements.	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 12 hours . We have removed the recommendation that the work experience takes place across two different placements. All other requirements of the unit remain unchanged. If it is not possible to complete at least 12 hours of work experience, please choose an alternative optional unit for assessment.

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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