

## UCG BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT Awarding Body/Qualification/Exam Update – 28/4/20

*NB The information provided below is a summary interpretation of the information available on awarding bodies websites UCG currently uses. For more detailed information about any of the qualifications offered by the awarding body listed, please refer to awarding body websites, the links to which are provided.*

Regulator:	Vocational	ESOL/ LLDD/ Functional Skills (FS)	Apprenticeships	External Quality Assurance (EQA)	
<p><b>DfE/Gov.uk/Ofqual</b>  <b>Further details here:</b>  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/latest?departments%5B%5D=ofqual">https://www.gov.uk/government/latest?departments%5B%5D=ofqual</a></p> <p><b>Refer also to separate details regarding relevant qualification</b></p>	<p><b>Information has yet to be finalised</b>                      Ofqual are working with awarding organisations to finalise a list of qualifications that will advise the Secretary of State should be in scope for learners to receive a calculated result. It will include many BTEC Nationals and UAL Diplomas.</p> <p>Ofqual are working closely with awarding organisations to finalise the lists of qualifications in scope for each category                      Details:  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/news/awarding-vocational-and-technical-qualifications-this-summer">https://www.gov.uk/government/news/awarding-vocational-and-technical-qualifications-this-summer</a></p> <p>Consultation until 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 for Colleges and other providers to feed into:  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/exceptional-arrangements-for-assessment-and-grading-in-2020">https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/exceptional-arrangements-for-assessment-and-grading-in-2020</a></p>	<p><b>Functional Skills:</b>  <b>No exams this summer</b>                      Learners due to take assessments for Functional Skills qualifications before the end of the summer will receive a calculated result</p> <p><b>Details:</b>  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/news/awarding-vocational-and-technical-qualifications-this-summer">https://www.gov.uk/government/news/awarding-vocational-and-technical-qualifications-this-summer</a></p> <p><b>ESOL: No specific information has been released.</b>                      Refer to the awarding body which applies to the course</p> <p><b>LLDD: No specific information has been released.</b>                      Refer to the awarding body section below which applies to the course</p>	<p><b>Apprenticeships will continue.</b>                      Ofqual have put in place guidance for employers, providers and centres                      Details:  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-apprenticeship-programme-response/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-apprentices-employers-training-providers-end-point-assessment-organisations-and-external-quality-assurance-pro">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-apprenticeship-programme-response/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-apprentices-employers-training-providers-end-point-assessment-organisations-and-external-quality-assurance-pro</a></p> <p>In addition,                      End-point assessment should not be affected</p> <p>Intermediate Apprentices do not need to have L2 FS.</p>	<p><b>Where this applies, this will continue in order to accredit students.</b>  <b>Refer to separate details regarding relevant qualifications</b></p>	
<b>Awarding Body</b>	<b>Vocational</b>	<b>ESOL/ LLDD/FS</b>	<b>Apprenticeships</b>	<b>EQA</b>	
1	<p><b>AAT</b>  <b>Further details here</b>  <a href="https://www.aat.org.uk/about-aat/coronavirus-update">https://www.aat.org.uk/about-aat/coronavirus-update</a></p>	<p><b>Exams/Assessments suspended</b>  <b>AAT exploring alternative approaches to assessments.</b></p> <p><b>Extensions being applied to AAT membership and for some assessments.</b>                      AAT continues to be fully operational in all other respects</p>	N/A	<p><b>If the vocational qualification applies to an Apprenticeship programmes, refer to OFQUAL above</b></p>	N/A
2	<p><b>Ascentis</b>  <b>Further details here:</b>  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ofqual-consultation-on-awarding-vocational-and-technical-">https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ofqual-consultation-on-awarding-vocational-and-technical-</a></p>	NA	<p><b>ESOL: No specific information is available.</b>  <b>Refer to Ascentis link*</b></p>	N/A	<b>Possibly suspended*</b>

	<a href="#">qualifications-in-summer-2020*</a>				
3	<b>AIM</b> Further details here: <a href="https://www.aim-group.org.uk/news/2020/04/27/coronavirus/">https://www.aim-group.org.uk/news/2020/04/27/coronavirus/</a>	Any exams, if they apply, have been cancelled for the next 3 months, but remote 'proctored' tests are possible if human interaction is not required. Keep AIM informed of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- booked assessments, times and venues for suspension of booking</li> <li>- continuation of assessments.</li> </ul>	<b>If the vocational qualification applies to an Apprenticeship programmes, the FS may be offered by another awarding body. If this applies, refer to OFQUAL above</b>	<b>If the vocational qualification applies to an Apprenticeship programmes, refer to OFQUAL above</b>	<b>If this applies, refer to OFQUAL above</b>
4	<b>BIIB</b> Further details here: <a href="https://www.biib.org/">https://www.biib.org/</a>	Refer to OFQUAL above	<i>If the vocational qualification applies to an Apprenticeship programmes, the FS may be offered by another awarding body. If this applies, refer to OFQUAL above</i>	<b>If the vocational qualification applies to an Apprenticeship programmes, refer to OFQUAL above</b>	Refer to OFQUAL above
5	<b>BSCAWARDS</b> Further details here: No details on the website. College is awaiting a response from its enquiries regarding the qualifications it offers	Refer to OFQUAL above No information available on the website, but the awarding body will operate in line with OFQUAL guidance.	N/A	N/A	Refer to OFQUAL above If this applies
6	<b>C&amp;G / ILM</b> Further details here <a href="https://www.cityandguilds.com/covid-19/functional-skills">https://www.cityandguilds.com/covid-19/functional-skills</a>	<b>As Ofqual: Not yet confirmed Consultation with OFQUAL until 8<sup>th</sup> May</b> City & Guilds/ILM are working closely with Ofqual, DFE, JCQ and other awarding organisations to monitor on an ongoing basis the coronavirus outbreak in the UK, and how to manage any particular risks to the delivery, taking and administering of exams and assessments, with the outbreak of coronavirus. Clear guidance on	<b>FS: Writing: No paper-based exams without an invigilator.</b> Exams/Assessments not possible at home. C&G to announce how teachers will "calculate" grades Refer to: <a href="https://www.cityandguilds.com/covid-19/functional-skills">https://www.cityandguilds.com/covid-19/functional-skills</a> <b>FS: Speaking &amp; Listening; Communication/Communicating: to be taken remotely.</b> <b>Extension to Legacy FS until Dec.</b>  <i>FS: The regulation end date for legacy Functional Skills qualifications will be extended to 31 December 2020 to allow learners who are currently on these</i>	<b>As Ofqual (Refer to: <a href="https://www.cityandguilds.com/covid-19/epa/frequently-asked-questions">https://www.cityandguilds.com/covid-19/epa/frequently-asked-questions</a>)</b> <b>Furloughed apprentices:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. These students can continue to study if the programme they are registered on enables this, i.e. the apprentice has access to content or theory modules that do not require work based learning.</li> <li>ii. study can support 20% off the job requirements with evidence</li> </ol>	<b>EQA visits suspended. External quality assurance activity will be moved to remote where centres/providers remain open</b>

			<p><i>qualifications, but who are yet to certificate, an opportunity to complete their qualification.</i></p> <p><b>ESOL: No specific information as yet</b></p>	<p><b>End-Point Assessments can take place</b> Refer to: EPA remote testing: <a href="https://www.cityandguilds.com/covid-19/epa/online-tests-at-home">https://www.cityandguilds.com/covid-19/epa/online-tests-at-home</a></p> <p><b>FS: E-volve</b> on screen examinations can be administered and invigilated by employers</p> <p>EPA have been agreed, except for a number of more 'difficult' quals to assess.</p> <p><b>Refer to:</b> <a href="https://www.cityandguilds.com/covid-19/epa/online-tests-at-home">https://www.cityandguilds.com/covid-19/epa/online-tests-at-home</a></p>	
7	<p><b>EAL - Further details <a href="https://www.eal.org.uk/news/2762-covid-19-faqs">here</a></b> <a href="https://www.eal.org.uk/news/2762-covid-19-faqs">https://www.eal.org.uk/news/2762-covid-19-faqs</a></p>	<p><b>Majority to continue to prepare for external assessments in usual way</b></p>	<p><b>If the vocational qualification applies to an Apprenticeship programmes, the FS may be offered by another awarding body. If this applies, refer to OFQUAL above</b></p>	<p><b>If the vocational qualification applies to an Apprenticeship programmes, refer to OFQUAL above</b> No plans to cancel End- Point Assessments</p>	<p><b>Continuing remotely</b></p>
8	<p><b>ETCAWARDS Further details <a href="https://www.eta-assessment.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/ETC-Awards-Covid-19-statement.pdf">here</a></b> <a href="https://www.eta-assessment.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/ETC-Awards-Covid-19-statement.pdf">https://www.eta-assessment.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/ETC-Awards-Covid-19-statement.pdf</a></p>	<p><b>Operating 'normally'</b> and will continue to operate a continuous sampling strategy in line with established current policy. undertaken, where possible, remotely using alternative mediums; in collaboration with the centre. A schedule for each centre as appropriate to their regular activity will be drafted and issued weekly</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p><b>Continuing remotely</b></p>
9	<p><b>FAQ Further details:</b> Contact Kelly Burns at Mercia (subcontractor) or Steve Hayes for UCG provision, to whom information is being sent directly</p>	<p><b>Refer to OFQUAL above or Kelly Burns (Mercia) /Steve Hayes (CWC)</b></p>	<p><b>FS: Refer to OFQUAL above or Kelly Burns (Mercia)</b></p>	<p><b>Refer to OFQUAL above</b></p>	<p><b>Refer to OFQUAL above</b></p>

10	<b>FIRST 4 SPORT (1<sup>st</sup>4SPORT)</b> Further details <a href="https://www.1st4sportqualification.com/">here:</a> <a href="https://www.1st4sportqualification.com/">https://www.1st4sportqualification.com/</a>	<b>Refer to OFQUAL above</b> No details available on web- site, but must act in line with OFQUAL guidance	<i>If the vocational qualification applies to an Apprenticeship programmes, the FS may be offered by another awarding body. If this applies, refer to OFQUAL above</i>	If the vocational qualification applies to an Apprenticeship programmes, refer to OFQUAL above	Refer to OFQUAL above
11	<b>HABC</b> Further details <a href="https://www.highfieldqualifications.com/covid-19">here:</a> <a href="https://www.highfieldqualifications.com/covid-19">https://www.highfieldqualifications.com/covid-19</a>	<b>Refer to OFQUAL above</b> Highfield are implementing the government-recommended procedures to ensure we are keeping our customers and staff as safe as possible	<b>Refer to OFQUAL above</b> Highfield are implementing the government-recommended procedures to ensure we are keeping our customers and staff as safe as possible	N/A	Refer to OFQUAL above
12	<b>IQ</b> <b>No details on website:</b> <a href="https://www.industryqualifications.org.uk/">https://www.industryqualifications.org.uk/</a>	<b>Refer to OFQUAL above</b> No details on website, but must comply with OFQUAL rules when they are confirmed in May	<b>FS: Refer to OFQUAL above</b> No details on website, but must comply with OFQUAL	NA	Refer to OFQUAL above
13	<b>NCFE/CACHE</b> Further details <a href="https://www.ncfe.org.uk/coronavirus-information-and-advice-for-customers-and-learners/assessments-results-and-papers">here</a> <a href="https://www.ncfe.org.uk/coronavirus-information-and-advice-for-customers-and-learners/assessments-results-and-papers">https://www.ncfe.org.uk/coronavirus-information-and-advice-for-customers-and-learners/assessments-results-and-papers</a>	<b>Refer to OFQUAL above</b> Qualifications: i. where the primary focus is progression to HE/FE, will be estimated/calculated ii. where the primary use is licence to practice or occupational competency, or a mix of both, is still under consultation with OFQUAL.	<b>FS: Refer to OFQUAL above.</b> Process to be confirmed	If the vocational qualification applies to an Apprenticeship programmes, refer to OFQUAL above	Process TBC to verify grades
14	<b>'MULTI'</b>	<b>These are internally unitised qualifications offered by various awarding bodies. Refer to Steve Hayes and/or Malgorzata Zielinska for further details and guidance</b>			Process TBC. Refer to SH/MZ for details
15	<b>NOCN</b> Further details <a href="https://www.nocn.org.uk/covid19/">here</a> <a href="https://www.nocn.org.uk/covid19/">https://www.nocn.org.uk/covid19/</a>	<b>Assessment to continue, with online support available for providers</b>	<b>ESO : Refer to OFQUAL above.</b> Process to be confirmed	N/A	Continuing remotely
16	<b>Pearson (except HE)</b> Further details <a href="https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/campaigns/pearson-covid-19/united-">here</a> <a href="https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/campaigns/pearson-covid-19/united-">https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/campaigns/pearson-covid-19/united-</a>	<b>Refer to OFQUAL above</b> The consultation covers BTEC Level 3 Nationals, BTEC Level 1 and 2 Firsts and Tech Awards, BTEC HNC/HND, Functional Skills (legacy version of Maths and English will be extended to 31 December 2020), Core Maths and competency-based qualifications.	<b>If the vocational qualification applies to an Apprenticeship programmes, the FS may be offered by another awarding body. If this applies, refer to OFQUAL above</b>	<b>Refer to OFQUAL information above</b> NB End Point Assessments are not covered by the OFQUAL consultation, although qualifications taken as part of an apprenticeship will be.	For vocational Continues remotely (Process TBC)

	<a href="#">kingdom-covid-19-coronavirus-update.html</a>				
17	<p><b>Pearson HE</b>  <b>Further details</b>  <a href="#">here</a>  <a href="https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/campaigns/pearson-covid-19/united-kingdom-covid-19-coronavirus-update.html">https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/campaigns/pearson-covid-19/united-kingdom-covid-19-coronavirus-update.html</a></p>	<p><b>Refer to OFQUAL information and Pearson information above</b>  Free materials available:  <a href="https://www.pearson.com/uk/educators/higher-education-educators/training-and-support/training-support-digital-products/supporting-academic-continuity-during-covid-19.html">https://www.pearson.com/uk/educators/higher-education-educators/training-and-support/training-support-digital-products/supporting-academic-continuity-during-covid-19.html</a>  + apply for distance learning</p>	<p><b>Refer to OFQUAL information above if this applies</b></p>	<p><b>Refer to OFQUAL information above</b>  NB End Point Assessments are not covered by the OFQUAL consultation, although qualifications taken as part of an apprenticeship will be.</p>	<p><b>HE:</b>  <b>EE Continuing remotely TBC</b></p>
18	<p><b>All qualifications with 'Z' codes</b></p>	<p><b>These are internally certificated qualifications. Refer to Steve hayes and/or Malgorzata Zielinska for further details and guidance</b></p>			<p><b>Process TBC</b></p>