

Guidance for Centres Applying for Adaptations to Group Training Qualifications

Ofqual have now published their response to their consultation on the Extraordinary Regulatory Framework (ERF) which has been put in place in line with ministerial decisions for providing results to learners during COVID-19 Summer 2020.

The guidance provided is in line with guidance provided by CIMSPA in response to COVID-19 and its impact on education partners in the Sport and Physical Activity sector.

The following guidance sets out information and evidence Active IQ will require to allow adaptations for the summative practical assessments for group training qualifications.

Qualifications that this guidance applies to, include:

- Active IQ Level 2 Certificate in Fitness Instructing (ETM)
- Active IQ Level 2 Certificate in Fitness Instructing (Children)
- Active IQ Level 2 Certificate in Group Training
- Active IQ Level 2 Certificate in Leading Health Related Physical Activity
- Active IQ Level 3 Diploma in Instructing Pilates Matwork
- Active IQ Level 3 Diploma in Teaching Yoga
- Active IQ Level 4 Diploma in Instructing Pilates
- Active IQ Level 2 Award in Instructing Circuits
- Active IQ Level 2 Award in Instructing Kettlebells
- Active IQ Level 3 Award in Instructing Outdoor Fitness

If you offer a group training qualification not listed above and believe you can meet the agreed adaptations below, please contact your centre specific external verifier.

This guidance is limited to learners registered on programme on or before 20th March 2020, and due for certification on or before 31st July 2020*, in line with Ofqual Condition VTQCov2.

*subject to revision by our regulators.

Please note: the adaptations are not mandatory, and learners should be given the choice to delay their practical summative assessment until such time that a practical observation can take place safely in a fitness facility.

Agreed Adaptations

For all of Active IQ's **group training qualifications** the following guidance applies:

- Summative practical assessments must be conducted by observation
- Practical assessment must be delivered in line with NHS Public Health and government guidelines, either in small groups outdoors (between 3 and 5 people), or indoors with members of the same household
- Learners may use members of their household as clients to participate in summative practical assessment
- Learners should utilise the equipment and the environment available to them whilst ensuring the safety of both themselves and their clients
- Learners will need to video themselves following Active IQ Digital Recording Guidelines, delivering one of their planned group sessions with their clients following the guidance set out in their learner achievement portfolio
- All other assessments should be completed as per the instructions in the learner's LAP following the specific assessment guidance

Guidance for centres

Centres wishing to adapt practical summative assessments for their learners will need apply to Active IQ via their centre allocated external verifier. Approval must be sought from your allocated external verifier before planning or proceeding with any adapted practical assessments. Your external verifier will send you an application form which needs to be completed and returned.

The application form will ask you to:

- Provide Class ID's for all classes where you wish adaptations to be applied
- Confirm that these adaptations relate to learners who were registered on programmes on or before 20th March 2020, and who were due for certification on or before 31st July 2020
- Confirm learners have been formatively assessed utilising equipment or exercises as prescribed in the specific qualification guidance

If learners meet these requirements, then they are eligible to undertake an adapted practical summative assessment.

Once the application form is submitted, your external verifier will check the information provided and arrange a short call with you to discuss the assessment adaptations, and the internal and external quality assurance requirements of proceeding with assessments during lock down.

A separate application form will be required per qualification; however, centres can include multiple cohorts within the same application (where applicable).

Quality Assurance

In alignment with CIMSPA and Ofqual requirements, these adjustments constitute a higher level of risk and as such all learners must be subject to internal quality assurance activity as well as an increased level of external quality assurance sampling.

We will require all centres to record their first adapted assessments (per qualification) and provide these to Active IQ for external verification sampling along with the associated internal quality assurance records so we can be confident that adaptations have been applied correctly. This will also ensure any subsequent claims for learner certification are not delayed.

If DCS is not already held for the qualification, then at the end of the programme and in line with normal external quality assurance sampling, a selection of learner files will be required for sampling prior to certifications being authorised.

These areas will be further explored with your allocated external verifier as part of the call following receipt of any assessment adaptation application form.

Centre Application form for Adaptation to Qualification Assessments during COVID-19

Centre Name:		Centre Number:	
Centre Contact:		Centre Contact email address:	
Date of application submission:		Centres allocated External Verifier (EV):	
Qualification <small>(please include full title and accreditation number):</small>		Qualification unit's assessment adaptations are required for:	

Centre to confirm that all learners were registered with Active IQ prior to 20/03/20. NB: if your learners are not registered with Active IQ please contact your EV immediately	Yes/No	Centre to confirm that formative practical assessments have been completed with all learners referenced within this application:	Yes/No
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Centre to record all learners who require completion of adapted assessments

Class ID:		Learner Names:	
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Centre to confirm that all listed learners were scheduled to take the summative assessments and due for certification on or before 31/07/20:	Yes/No		
Centre to confirm that all learner adapted assessments are subject to internal quality assurance sampling:	Yes/No		
Centre to confirm that the adapted assessments will be recorded to enable the required internal & external quality assurance sampling:	Yes/No		

Please note, a separate application form should be submitted per qualification per centre

Centre Declaration:

I can confirm that I have read and understood Active IQ's guidance relating to the adapted qualification assessments and understand that adapted assessments will be subject to suitable internal and external quality assurance sampling occurring as indicated by Active IQ upon approval of each application.

Centre Contact signature:		Centre Contact date:	
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