

Counselling L4, L5, L6

Adaptations can be applied to assessments taking place in the 2021-22 academic year. The areas mentioned below are eligible for specific adaptations, but the rest of the qualification must be completed as normal and evidenced in full.

The following qualifications include adapted assessment:

AIM Qualifications Level 4 Diploma in Counselling Practice (live)	603/3987/1
AIM Qualifications Level 5 Diploma in Psychotherapeutic Practice (live)	603/3988/3
AIM Qualifications Level 5 Diploma in Psychotherapeutic Practice Informed by Research (live)	603/3989/5
AIM Qualifications Level 4 Diploma in Counselling Practice (expiring)	601/3288/7
AIM Qualifications Level 5 Diploma in Psychotherapeutic Practice (expiring)	601/3301/6
AIM Qualifications Level 5 Diploma in Psychotherapeutic Practice Informed by Research (expiring)	601/3302/8

Summary of adaptations

Practice Hours

Due to Covid, some learners may be unable to get the 100 required hours through in-the-room practice ⁽¹⁾, with some having to use other methods, for example video or telephone. We've been working with other Awarding Organisations, BACP and NCS looking at additional ways of assessing that these learners are capable of in the room practice. Our expectation is that a minimum of 70 hours will be face-to-face contact, in line with professional body guidelines (centres should also refer to guidance offered by professional bodies i.e. [BACP](#) and [NCS](#)) regarding remote practice hours).

The 'log of counselling practice' form has been updated to include an additional section for recording the arrangements that have been made and completed to ensure learners are competent to work 'in-the-room'. This section must be completed for any learners where the opportunity to evidence in-the-room competence has been limited.

interim EV visits are opportunities to present any partially completed logs for review by EV so that they can be recorded, and any gaps can be identified.

The log of counselling practice form is available for you to download from the Portal. This form is to record the required 100 hours supervised practice within the Level 4 Diploma in Counselling Practice and Level 5 Diploma in Psychotherapeutic Counselling qualifications.

Submission deadline dates introduced

We have introduced submission deadlines for completed forms to be sent to enquiries@aim-group.org.uk for external verification. This is to ensure our approach is standardised across centres, and to also be able



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to provide feedback around our expectations. Therefore, centres can no longer claim for the logs on the eRAC.

The submission dates can be found on [External Assessment Schedule page](#). We will be adding dates for later in the year once we have received further guidance from the professional bodies. We also ask that you transfer all partially completed logs onto the new forms and submit these to enquiries@aim-group.org.uk.

Submission deadline dates for the externally marked coursework in the Level 4 (SSP), Level 5 (Research Proposal and SSP) and Level 6 (Dissertation) qualifications (withdrawn and live) have been set. Centres must schedule learners for the externally marked coursework following the usual scheduling process.

All other assessments in these qualifications remain unchanged. External assessment dates and scheduling information can be found on the [AIM external assessment schedule web page](#).

(1) in-the-room: Where the client and the learner are both physically in the room together. Not face to face on video call.