

Education – Forest School

There are adaptations that can be applied to the assessments taking place in the 2021-22 academic year. This means that the specific areas mentioned below can be applied but the rest of the qualification must be completed and evidenced in full.

Qualifications which have been designated as being in category A have been reviewed by the team at AIM and where appropriate, professional body guidance sought to confirm that the adaptations would be accepted.

The following qualifications now include adapted assessment.

Forest School

AIM Qualifications Level 1 Award in Forest School Ethos and Principles	603/2924/5
AIM Qualifications Level 2 Award for Forest School Assistants	603/2925/7
AIM Qualifications Level 3 Certificate for Forest School Leaders	603/2926/9
AIM Qualifications Level 3 Certificate in Forest School Programme Leadership	601/2311/4

Guidance on Covid19 and Forest Schools suite of qualifications can be found the Forest School Associations website here: <https://www.forestscholassociation.org/ncorona-covid-19-and-forest-school/#myaccount>

All qualifications

These suites of qualifications require an element of evidencing practical skills and the adaptation allows learners to evidence this but with simulation and remote observations. The witness statements can be completed by a supervisor and submitted to the assessor for assessment.

Update to the requirements in the qualification handbook

Practical Activity

Evidence may be assessed by direct observation of performance and must consist of at least two of the following:

- annotated photographs
- detailed witness statements, these can be completed by a supervisor and then assessed by the assessor.
- video (with narration or written log)
- learner log/evaluation
- peer observation report
- remote observation – this will be evidenced by recording of the observation or screen shots/transcripts

Any components which state that observation of practical ability must be shown as part of the assessment criteria can be presented remotely and with use of video/photographs.

Artefact/product evidence and resource requirements

Where the unit requires learners to produce an artefact or physical product, the artefact or product must be provided for the Internal and External Verifier unless this is impractical (for example if the product is consumable), in which case several annotated photographs, audio or video recordings of the artefact are acceptable evidence. This will apply to those unable to provide physical evidence for external verification.

Authenticity of learner evidence and activity

A learner declaration that all work produced is their own – an electronic confirmation will be accepted.