

# Learning & Development Bulletin: May 2010

## **Changes to vocational qualifications and Apprenticeship Frameworks**

This bulletin is designed to give you up to date information about the learning and development qualifications that will be migrated on to the QCF. Additional information will be available over the coming weeks and these bulletins will be updated as that information becomes obtainable. The information will also be posted on our website. Links to the relevant pages are included at the end of this bulletin.

### **Qualification Update**

LLUK, the SSC for the **Learning and Development** suite of qualifications, including the **A & V awards** have been consulting on some of the qualifications for the teaching and learning sector. The main changes are summarised below:

### **Learning & Development Qualifications being withdrawn after 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010:**

- ✓ Level 3 NVQ in Direct Training & Support
- ✓ Level 3 NVQ in Learning & Development
- ✓ Level 4 NVQ in Co-Ordination of Learning and Development Provision
- ✓ Level 4 NVQ in Management of Learning and Development Provision
- ✓ Level 4 NVQ in Learning & Development
- ✓ Level 5 NVQ in Learning & Development

### **Timescales**

These qualifications are currently accredited until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010. They will not be extended or moved on to the QCF. LLUK have informed us that these qualifications will be funded until they expire. Edexcel will allow registrations on these qualifications until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010.

LLUK are leading the research and development work to consider what replacements will be required for the above qualifications. Much of this work has started as part of the wider consultation and a new schedule will be released in July 2010. This work will also consider the links between suitable qualifications for Trainers in the Lifelong Learning Sector and the *Certificate in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector* (CTLLS). As soon as LLUK can confirm the timeline of these developments, we shall share them with you to allow you to plan your future provision.

## **A & V Awards being replaced**

The current NQF qualifications for assessment and verification listed below will be replaced by a suite of Quality Assurance qualifications on the QCF in September 2010.

- ✓ Level 3 Award in Assessing Candidates' Performance Using a Range of Methods ('A1')
- ✓ Level 3 Award in Assessing Candidates' Performance through Observation ('A2')
- ✓ Level 4 Award in Conducting Internal Quality Assurance of the Assessment Process ('V1')
- ✓ Level 4 Award in Conducting External Quality Assurance of the Assessment Process ('V2')

## **Timescales**

The current A&V awards will be available for registrations until 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010, after which all new registrations must be against the QCF versions.

## **About the new Quality Assurance qualifications**

Each qualification now has a knowledge unit included which has been introduced to acknowledge the principles and practices that underpin each of the job roles. The knowledge units are available as single unit awards that will be valuable for those who would like an introduction to these assessor or quality assurance roles but are not yet in a position to practice.

Further details on the rationale behind these qualifications, as well as details of credits, unit titles and rules of combination are summarised in [Assessment and Assuring the Quality of Assessment: Guidance for Awarding Organisations \(March 2010\)](#).

A number of diagrams are shown over the following pages that summarise the structures of these new Quality Assurance qualifications.

**Qualifications for Assessors (replaces qualifications A1 and A2)**

Three Level 3 awards and a Level 3 Certificate are proposed qualifications for assessors. Each has one or more units in common.

**Level 3 Award in Understanding the Principles and Practices of Assessment**

**Unit 14.1:**  
Understanding the Principles and Practices of Assessment

Suitable for those who are new to assessment but are not yet in a position to practice, or those who need to know about assessment but never intend to practice.

**Level 3 Award in Assessing Competence in the Work Environment**

**Unit 14.1:**  
Understanding the Principles and Practices of Assessment

**Unit 14.2:**  
Assess Occupational Competence in the Work Environment

Suitable for those who wish to assess competence based qualifications in the QCF (purpose D1) or those with NVQ in the title (NQF or QCF).

**Level 3 Award in Assessing Vocationally Related Achievement**

**Unit 14.1:**  
Understanding the Principles and Practices of Assessment

**Unit 14.3:**  
Assess Vocational Skills, Knowledge and Understanding

Suitable for those who wish to assess qualifications that are not based in the work environment, such as BTECs that can be taken in the classroom or workshop.

**Level 3 Certificate in Assessing Vocational Achievement**

**Unit 14.1:**  
Understanding the Principles and Practices of Assessment

**Unit 14.2:**  
Assess Occupational Competence in the Work Environment

**Unit 14.3:**  
Assess Vocational Skills, Knowledge and Understanding

Suitable for assessors that wish to work across different contexts including in the work environment and the non-work environment.

## Qualifications for Internal Quality Assurance Staff (replaces V1)

Two Level 4 awards and one Level 4 Certificate are proposed for internal quality assurance staff (these may have been referred to as 'internal verifiers' in the NQF). Each qualification has one or more units in common.

### Level 4 Award in Understanding the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice

Unit 14.4:  
Understanding  
the Principles  
and Practices of  
Internally  
Assuring the  
Quality of  
Assessment

Suitable for those who are new to internal quality assurance but are not yet in a position to practice, or those who need to know about internal QA but never intend to practice.

### Level 4 Award in the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice

Unit 14.4:  
Understanding  
the Principles  
and Practices of  
Internally  
Assuring the  
Quality of  
Assessment

Unit 14.5:  
Internally Assure  
the Quality of  
Assessment

Suitable for those perform internal quality assurance roles.

### Level 4 Certificate in Leading the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice

Unit 14.4:  
Understanding  
the Principles  
and Practices of  
Internally  
Assuring the  
Quality of  
Assessment

Unit 14.5:  
Internally Assure  
the Quality of  
Assessment

Unit 14.8: Plan,  
Allocate and  
Monitor Work in  
Own Area of  
Responsibility

Suitable for those that lead teams of people performing internal quality assurance roles.

## Qualifications for External Quality Assurance Staff

Two Level 4 Awards and one Level 4 Certificate are proposed for external quality assurance staff (these may have been referred to as 'external verifiers'). Each qualification has at least one unit in common.

**Level 4 Award in Understanding the External Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice**

<b>Unit 14.6: Understanding the Principles and Practices of Externally Assuring the Quality of Assessment</b>	Suitable for those who are new to external quality assurance but are not yet in a position to practice, or those who need to know about external QA but never intend to practice.
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**Level 4 Award in the External Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice**

<b>Unit 14.6: Understanding the Principles and Practices of Externally Assuring the Quality of Assessment</b>	<b>Unit 14.7: Externally Assure the Quality of Assessment</b>	Suitable for those perform external quality assurance roles.
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**Level 4 Certificate in Leading the External Quality Assurance of Assessment**

<b>Unit 14.6: Understanding the Principles and Practices of Externally Assuring the Quality of Assessment</b>	<b>Unit 14.7: Externally Assure the Quality of Assessment</b>	<b>Unit 14.8: Plan, Allocate and Monitor Work in Own Area of Responsibility</b>
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Suitable for those that lead a team of people performing external quality assurance roles.

## **Apprenticeships.**

### **Learning and Development (Direct Training and Support) Advanced Apprenticeship**

As there is no technical certificate in the apprenticeship framework at present, the apprenticeship will not be compliant come September 2010 and will therefore not be eligible for funding. Furthermore, the apprenticeship will cease for registrations altogether on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010 when the qualifications expire.

LLUK are reviewing the need for an apprenticeship in this field and will share their findings with Awarding Organisations in due course.

Edexcel will communicate plans for the replacement or non-replacement of an apprenticeship for the Lifelong Learning sector as soon as we have confirmation from LLUK.

#### **Website:**

Links to Apprenticeship in Learning & Development :

<http://www.edexcel.com/quals/apprenticeships/training/Pages/default.aspx>

Links to Learning & Development NVQs:

<http://www.edexcel.com/quals/nvq/learn-dvpmt/Pages/default.aspx>

**These pages will be updated with details of the QCF migration over the next few weeks.**