

Teaching and Learning (6317/ 6502)

Assessment update

City & Guilds has recently completed a quality review of its assessment provision for all Teaching and Learning qualifications.

As a result, **online multiple-choice tests for the unit 'Understanding the Principles and Practices of Assessment'** (UAN: D/601/5313) **will be withdrawn from 31 March 2015**. This decision affects two specific qualifications:

- **6317**: Assessment and Quality Assurance (TAQA)
- **6502**: Education and Training

Why withdraw these tests?

A review conducted by City & Guilds examined the suitability of all external assessments related to the Teaching and Learning portfolio with a specific emphasis on the use of multiple-choice tests.

This review focused on assessment performance, as well as feedback from tutors and learners, and concluded that a multiple-choice test was not fully suitable for this unit and an unsustainable method of assessment for these specific qualifications in the longer term.

How are these changes being implemented?

For both 6317 and 6502, the current multiple-choice tests will be withdrawn fully by **31 March 2015**.

While tests themselves can be scheduled right up until the above date, it will not be possible to make bookings beyond 27 February 2015.

What are the alternative assessment options?

For **6317**, these changes mean that assessment 'Option B', which includes the multiple-choice test and a professional discussion, will no longer be available. 'Option A', comprising of a set of short-answer questions and a presentation, will remain indefinitely.

For **6502**, an alternative assessment pack (assignment) will remain indefinitely. This can be found on our website among the documentation for this qualification.

Passwords for the assessment materials of each qualification can be found on Walled Garden.

Future developments:

In consultation with our customers, we will look to introduce further assessment options for these qualifications in particular and all Teaching and Learning qualifications in general by autumn 2015. Further communications on this will be issued in due course.

Contact:

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