



## **Education Policy Guidance**

### **CIMSPA guidance: Adaptations and assessment arrangements for 2022 to 2023**

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In the academic year 2021 to 2022, a range of adaptations were permitted by Ofqual for Vocational and Technical qualifications in accordance with [Ofqual's Vocational and Technical Qualifications Contingency Regulatory Framework \(VCRF\)](#) to support education recovery and mitigate the ongoing impact of the pandemic.

In response to the [Arrangement for the assessment and awarding of Vocational and Technical Qualifications and Other General Qualification in 2021- 2022](#), CIMSPA issued [policy guidance](#) for its education partners offering endorsed qualifications, that are mapped to the sport and physical activity sector's professional standards and enable entry into CIMSPA membership. This policy guidance was designed to support and enable learner to be able to progress, complete their qualification or programme of study, with validity and integrity.

Awarding Organisations decided which adaptations were appropriate for their qualifications in line with the VCRF and CIMSPA guidance. Some adaptations were in response to public health restrictions. The Department for Education and Ofqual have confirmed the [arrangements](#) for the academic year 2022 to 2023, stating 'Given that public health restrictions are no longer in place, these adaptations are no longer necessary for the academic year 2022 to 2023 onwards.'

In line with the arrangements, previously published guidance around adaptations will cease to be active and all assessment arrangements should be in line with the professional standard requirements.

Should providers feel there is a need to continue with adaptations outlined in Appendix A, they should consult their Awarding Organisation.

## **End Point Assessment of Apprenticeships Standards**

Several of the flexibilities for the sectors apprenticeships will be retained as permanent amendments, where it is clear they represent an improvement on the arrangements which were in place before COVID 19. For further information on retained flexibilities please see the Institute for Apprenticeships & Technical Education guidance [here](#).

Temporary COVID- 19 discretions have now been switched off and further information End Point Assessment Organisations and External Quality Assurance Providers can be found [here](#).

In the unfortunate event of future public health restrictions, the policy guidance will be reviewed for education partners.