

# COVID-19 Summer 2021 awarding of teacher assessed grades (TAGs)

## Technical Certificate & Technical Level Qualifications

VTCT's process for awarding of teacher assessed grades (TAGs) for VTCT's Performance Table Qualifications follows the framework set by Ofqual for vocational and technical qualifications. The TAG process is designed to support as many learners as possible to progress into further education or employment.

Schools and colleges will submit TAGs for individual assessment components where assessments cannot take place. VTCT will then undertake external quality assurance of these TAGs.

The way that the overall qualification grade is calculate will remain unchanged.



### STEP 1:

#### Evidence to support the TAG

##### What will happen in Step 1:

- Centres will focus on teaching and learning to complete the delivery of the unit and qualification content
- Centres will ensure that they have accurate and up to date records for learners' achievement on the qualification
- Centres will gather evidence for the learner to support the TAG.

*This will likely be a combination of assessments already completed, class and homework tasks, past/mock papers, completed/partially complete internal assessments and learner performance reviews*



## **STEP 2:** Unit Graded Practical Assessments

### **What will happen in Step 2:**

- Learners will complete all the mandatory unit graded practical assessments which contribute to the overall qualification grade, to demonstrate their proficiency in the vocational area of study
- VTCT will complete external quality assurance of the unit graded practical assessments



## **STEP 3:** Centre's Internal Quality Assurance of the TAG

### **What will happen in Step 3:**

- Centres will complete internal quality assurance of the evidence and TAGs for each assessment component for each learner
- Centres will ensure that judgements are made in a consistent way across all staff involved in the process
- Centres will ensure that they have completed the necessary reviews to ensure that learners are not advantaged or disadvantaged as a result of the TAG process
- Head of Centres will ensure that they have completed the necessary reviews to ensure objectivity of decision making
- Centre will submit TAGs to VTCT



## STEP 4:

### VTCT's External Quality Assurance of the TAG

#### What will happen in Step 4:

- VTCT will review the TAGs submitted for each assessment component
- VTCT will review evidence to support the TAGs  
*This will likely involve looking at historic grades, completed assessments and examples of learner's evidence to support the TAG*
- VTCT will confirm the TAGs



## STEP 5:

### Release of Results

#### What will happen in Step 5:

- VTCT will issue the results for the assessment components where TAGs were submitted
- The date for the embargoed release of results to centres is the 14 July 2021
- The date for the general release of results to learners is the 15 July 2021



## STEP 6:

### Next Steps

#### What will happen in Step 6:

- Centres will request the certificates for each learner that has completed their qualification.  
*VTCT will send the certificate to the centre; the centre will distribute them to their learners*