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Dear Colleague

Notification of amendments to the qualification specifications 4973QC Level 3 Certificate in Health and Social Care: Principles and Contexts 4973QD Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care: Principles and Contexts

We are pleased to confirm that Qualifications Wales has approved the following amendments to the Specifications for the above qualifications:

1. The stimulus material for the following units will be accessible through our secure website www.wjecservices.co.uk from the first Monday in **September** each year:
 - 4973U1: Principles of care and safe practice within outcome focused person-centred care
 - 4973U4: Understanding how the human body is affected by common conditions
2. The requirement for direct supervision has been removed from some assessment tasks in units:
 - 4973U1: Principles of care and safe practice within outcome focused person-centred care
 - 4973U3 Promoting the rights of individuals across the lifespan
 - 4973U6 Working in the health and social care sector

Please see the attached table which provides a summary of the controls for each of the non-examination assessments.

3. Candidates will now be allowed **two** resits of each external examination. This means that candidates will have three attempts in total.

We are currently updating the Specifications, and these will be republished on our website by the end of May.

These amendments take effect from 1 September 2022 for assessments from 2022/23 onwards.

We would also like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to the news item published on our website confirming the development of a new Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care: Principles and Contexts. We are holding a series of scoping events in May and June and would encourage teachers and tutors to attend to help shape the new qualification. Further information can be found [here](#).

Yours sincerely,

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Summary of controls for Non Examination Assessments (NEA)

Unit 1 Principles of care and safe practice within outcome focused person-centred care (Certificate and Diploma)		
Task	Summary of task and evidence to be submitted	Controls to be applied
1	<p>Candidates are required to produce a written report (maximum 3,500 words) based on a chosen case study.</p> <p>Candidates will select the case study from a choice of two but must not access the case study until the start of the assessment.</p>	<p>Time: Approximately 14 hours</p> <p>Resources: Candidates may have access to ICT software and class notes. Candidates must not have access to the internet.</p> <p>Supervision: Candidates must be supervised throughout.</p> <p>Collaboration: This is an individual task. Group work is not allowed.</p> <p>Feedback: Candidates cannot be given feedback on the evidence produced until it has been marked.</p>
2	<p>Candidates are required to produce an information pack (maximum 1,500 words) based on the setting referred to in their chosen case study.</p>	<p>Time: Approximately 6 hours</p> <p>Resources: The use of resources, including the internet, is not tightly prescribed.</p> <p>Supervision: Candidates do not need to be supervised when completing this task.</p> <p>Collaboration: This is an individual task. Group work is not allowed.</p> <p>Feedback: Candidates cannot be given feedback on the evidence produced until it has been marked</p>

Unit 3: Promoting the rights of individuals across the life span (Certificate and Diploma)		
Task	Evidence to be submitted	Controls to be applied
1	<p>Candidates are required to produce a podcast, a presentation or a video. (Maximum 5,000 words or a recording of no longer than 10 minutes)</p>	<p>Time: Approximately 20 hours</p> <p>Resources: The use of resources, including the internet, is not tightly prescribed.</p> <p>Supervision: Candidates do not need to be supervised when completing this task.</p> <p>Collaboration: The task is an individual task. Group work is not allowed.</p> <p>Feedback: Candidates cannot be given feedback on the evidence produced until it has been marked.</p>

Unit 4: Understanding how the human body is affected by common conditions (Diploma only)

Task	Evidence to be submitted	Controls to be applied
1	<p>Candidates are required to write an article and produce an infographic. (Maximum 3,000 words including the infographic)</p> <p>Candidates must not have access to the stimuli until the start of the assessment.</p>	<p>Time: Approximately 15 hours</p> <p>Resources: Candidates may have access to ICT software and class notes. Candidates can have access to the internet.</p> <p>Supervision: Candidates must be supervised throughout.</p> <p>Collaboration: This is an individual task. Group work is not allowed.</p> <p>Feedback: Candidates cannot be given feedback on the evidence produced until it has been marked.</p>

Unit 6: Working in the health and social care sector (Diploma only)

Task	Evidence to be submitted	Controls to be applied
1	<p>Candidates are required to produce an investigation (maximum 5000 words)</p>	<p>Time: Approximately 18 hours</p> <p>Resources: The use of resources, including the internet, is not tightly prescribed.</p> <p>Supervision: Candidates do not need to be supervised when completing this task.</p> <p>Collaboration: This is an individual task. Group work is not allowed.</p> <p>Feedback: Candidates cannot be given feedback on the evidence produced until it has been marked.</p>