

Updated additional guidance on student teachers on CET, AET and Assessor courses disrupted due to Covid 19

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ETF is mindful of the demands of the current situation which is still highly disruptive to the delivery of ITE qualifications. We issued some guidance in March to help Awarding Organisations manage their programmes through the difficult times. This is available on the FE Advice website, <https://www.feadvice.org.uk/i-am-ite-provider-etf-guidance-documents/qualifications-education-and-training>. As the situation is still problematic we are herewith issuing an update to that guidance to allow training to continue as practicably as possible whilst retaining quality. Training providers are finding resourceful means of keeping programmes going and courses have recruited since the Covid situation began. It is only proper that we give some steer to how this might develop. Hence this guidance covers reasonable adjustment and applies to all programmes currently running or starting in August or September, and finishing before end September 2020. This does not apply to anyone outside these criteria and if current conditions persist we will be issuing yet more guidance.

Level 4 CET

- remote delivery can be reckonable for teaching practice where robust records are evidenced including of learner engagement: simple creation of remotely delivered materials is insufficient, there must be evidence of learner engagement. It is reckonable on a 1:1 basis
- remote observation of face to face teaching is permissible
- observation where the delivery is remote will have to take the form of assessment of materials created and any interactions alongside a professional discussion

Level 3 AET:

- remotely assessed micro teaches are permissible

Assessor awards including Assess Occupational Competence in the Work Environment, or Assess Vocational Skills, Knowledge and Understanding

- assessed observations can be conducted remotely.
- observation where the assessment itself is remote will have to take the form of assessment of any interactions alongside a professional discussion

As previously, these are temporary measures, and we expect centres to adhere to the regular guidance and rules once the wider situation returns to normal. Moreover it is incumbent upon Awarding Organisations to ensure any adjustments are implemented in a quality assured manner and all criteria are robust.

ETF remains committed to a reliable ITE and Assessor qualification framework during these uncertain times and is grateful to Awarding Organisations for their diligence in ensuring we retain a credible system.