

Ascentis Level 4 Awards & Certificate in IQA of Assessment Processes & Practice Overview Specification



Ofqual Numbers:

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501/1732/4

501/1733/6

501/1734/8

Ofqual Start Date:

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31/07/2027

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Qualification Overview

These qualifications are all at level 4 and are appropriate for staff who are working in or about to begin their career in Internal Quality Assurance. A learner can choose a qualification from the suite that is most appropriate to their current or intended job role. This suite of qualifications includes a unit that covers all the essential knowledge and understanding that quality assurance staff need, plus one or more units that describe competent practice. We believe this approach offers more flexibility and a greater potential to meet the needs of aspirant quality assurance staff.

The qualifications will give people who carry out a quality assurance role the opportunity to develop and improve their practice as well as the opportunity of achieving a professional qualification. There may be a requirement for quality assurance staff to hold a particular qualification, although the actual requirements will vary within a sector. Reference should be made to the particular assessment requirements of the sector in which the quality assurance staff are working. These will be detailed within the relevant qualification specifications, or through referring to the sector skill council.

The Awards have been developed for both those who work in regulated and non-regulated learning as well as those who work in the workplace. There is also the **Level 4 Certificate in Leading the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice** for those staff who lead a team of quality assurance staff.

Ascentis also offers the suite of qualifications for those interested in assessing, detailed within the qualification specification available on the Ascentis website.

These qualifications replace the previous qualifications:

- V1 Conduct internal quality assurance of the assessment process
- D34 Internally verify the assessment process

Aims

The aims of this suite of qualifications are to enable learners to:

- Develop an understanding of the principles and practices of internal quality assurance
- Assess performance in assuring the quality of assessment from within an organisation or assessment centre
- Assess performance in leading the work of a team responsible for quality assurance within an organisation or assessment centre
- Achieve a professional qualification for the knowledge, understanding and skills developed

Target Group

This qualification is aimed at a range of learners, including:

- Learners in the 19+ age group
- Those working or intending to work as internal quality assurance staff within an FE centre, Adult and Community Learning centre, an Independent Learning provider and directly within the workplace

Regulation Codes

Ofqual Regulation Numbers:

- Ascentis Level 4 Award in Understanding the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice: 501/1732/4
- Ascentis Level 4 Award in the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice: 501/1734/8
- Ascentis Level 4 Certificate in Leading the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice: 501/1733/6

Assessment Method

To achieve any of the qualifications within this suite, evidence of achievement of all the assessment criteria across all the mandatory units must be demonstrated. These are assessed by building up a portfolio of evidence. Ascentis has put together a structured method of building the portfolio called the Personal Practice File (2PF).

All units are internally assessed. They are internally verified by the centre and then externally verified by Ascentis.

Rules of Combination

Ascentis Level 4 Award in Understanding the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice

Credit Value: 6

| Title | Level | Credit Value | GLH | Unit ref |
|---|-------|--------------|-----|------------|
| Understanding the Principles and Practices of Internally Assuring the Quality of Assessment | 4 | 6 | 45 | T/601/5320 |

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Credit Value: 12

| Title | Level | Credit Value | GLH | Unit ref |
|---|-------|--------------|-----|------------|
| Understanding the Principles and Practices of Internally Assuring the Quality of Assessment | 4 | 6 | 45 | T/601/5320 |
| Internally Assure the Quality of Assessment | 4 | 6 | 45 | A/601/5321 |

Ascentis Level 4 Certificate in Leading the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice

Credit Value: 17

| Title | Level | Credit Value | GLH | Unit ref |
|---|-------|--------------|-----|------------|
| Understanding the Principles and Practices of Internally Assuring the Quality of Assessment | 4 | 6 | 45 | T/601/5320 |
| Internally Assure the Quality of Assessment | 4 | 6 | 45 | A/601/5321 |
| Plan, Allocate and Monitor Work in Own Area of Responsibility | 4 | 5 | 25 | H/600/9674 |

Credit accumulation:

Within these qualifications there are opportunities for credit accumulation and credit transfer. Credit accumulation of any unit within these qualifications can be accepted within the lifetime of the qualification.

Exemptions:

Learners who have achieved the A1/D32 or D33 Assessment qualification or the V1/D34 Internal Quality Assurance qualification may use their achievement to contribute towards these Awards and Certificate. Please contact the Ascentis office to discuss further.

Credits from equivalent units:

Please contact the Ascentis office to discuss opportunities for accepting credit from equivalent units.

Guided Learning Hours (GLH)

The recommended guided learning hours for these qualifications is:

- Level 4 Award in Understanding the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice: 45
- Level 4 Award in the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice: 90
- Level 4 Certificate in Leading the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice: 115

Total Qualification Time (TQT)

The total qualification time for these qualifications is:

- Level 4 Award in Understanding the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice: 60
- Level 4 Award in the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice: 120
- Level 4 Certificate in Leading the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice: 170

Age Range of Qualification

Appropriate for 19+ learners, as learners have to be in employment.

Contact & Further Information

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Existing Centres please visit the Login area of our website www.ascentis.co.uk to view the full specification.

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