

# Award and Assessment of the Access to HE Diploma 2022-23

## Information for Providers

The arrangements for the award and assessment of the Diploma in 2022-23 will be as follows.

### Students starting their course from 1 August 2022

An Extraordinary Regulatory Framework **will not apply**. It will no longer be permissible:

- for AVAs to approve adaptations to the method of delivery, units delivered or assessment tasks in response to the pandemic
- to apply the Extraordinary Regulatory Framework arrangements relating to the **principles of quality assurance**.

Access to HE Diplomas must follow the validated rules of combination and be delivered and assessed in accordance with the method and schedule for which a provider has been approved.

Providers should work with their AVA to ensure that activities undertaken for the development, quality assurance and award of Diplomas continue in accordance with the **QAA Recognition Scheme for Access to Higher Education**.

### Continuing students

It will no longer be permissible for AVAs to approve adaptations to the method of delivery, units delivered or assessment tasks in response to the pandemic on or after 1 August 2022.

However, arrangements relating to the **principles of quality assurance** under the Extraordinary Regulatory Framework **will apply** where:

- adaptations to the method of delivery, units delivered or assessment tasks on the Diploma in response to the pandemic have been approved and commenced **prior to 1 August 2022**, and/or
- students (and/or providers) have experienced extenuating circumstances due to the pandemic, **prior to 1 August 2022**.

### Award through Extenuation

In those exceptional cases where a student **cannot** be assessed, due to no fault of their own, the student **may** still be awarded unit(s) that make up the Diploma, through an Award through Extenuation. Other support arrangements will be available to students from their course provider if they are finding it difficult to learn or be assessed.

### Find out more

If you have any questions about the arrangements for assessment and awarding of the Access to HE Diploma, please contact your AVA.

You can also find out more on the QAA website:

[www.qaa.ac.uk/access-to-he/award-and-assessment-arrangements](http://www.qaa.ac.uk/access-to-he/award-and-assessment-arrangements)