A plain text version of the resource is also available.

Section 1

Assessments play an important role throughout your journey as a learner. As well as helping those who teach you to assess your success, you can apply knowledge and skills and demonstrate understanding, they are also essential milestones for you as a learner.

You can always learn from assessments, whether they confirm progression and achievement or identify areas you need to focus your efforts on advancing particular skills or knowledge and abilities.

So, what can you do to maximise the opportunities assessments present? This infographic offers some key points.

Learning outcomes and the assessment task

- Learning outcomes: statements that indicate what you will learn or be able to do as a result of studying a particular course or module.
- Assessment task: your learning outcomes a particular course or module will be assessed.
- How they connect: your assessment should directly relate to the learning outcomes of the course or module. When you approach the assessment task, think about how it connects and how to best apply the knowledge and experience you have developed.

Section 3

Understand what the task is asking you to do:

- Review the task a couple of times and think about:
  - What are you being asked to do?
  - What skills will you need to complete the task?
  - How will completion of the task support you to achieve the learning outcomes?

Section 4

How to complete the assessment task:

Always plan:

- Using your own words, create a plan for your assessment that details the task or problem you need to address, how you are going to address it, and why you have chosen to address it in this way. Then use this as a reference point throughout.

Plan your time to accommodate in-depth reading and research as needed, as well as production of a final assignment and a chance to review and update before submission.

Section 5

How to make use of feedback:

- Think honestly about how you are performing the work, what you should do, and what you might like to do differently next time. It can be helpful to create an action plan that will feed forward to future work.

Remember to revisit your feedback before you start a new piece of work.

For more advice on understanding learning outcomes, assessment and feedback, explore our Unpacking Assessments Student Guide.