

LEVEL 3 Health and Social Care: Principles and Contexts

Welcome back

We hope that you had a relaxing break over the Easter period and that you and your students are feeling prepared for the summer exam series.

Key dates for assessment

Last year we took on board feedback from centres about the upload of candidates' work each Summer and made some changes to the upload deadlines. This was to avoid the heavy workload of uploading potentially seven units for the Extended Diploma all at the same time. Additionally, with a later deadline date, some centres close within the three-week moderation window making it difficult to request more samples if needed.

A circular (092) was sent to all centres in February 2025 stating that new upload dates would be as follows:

Units 3, 6 and 9 – 5th June

Units 1, 4, 5 and 8 – 15th May

Last year, allowing for centres which had pre-planned, we took a hybrid approach; this year the dates above will be implemented allowing moderation to commence and any queries to be resolved although IAMIS opens from 1st April for centres to upload work if they wish.

Please note candidates should not put personal info in their NEA course work for example names of settings, service users or any identifiable data.

Sample size changes for Summer 2026

A circular was sent to centres in September 2025 (circular no.010), to inform of changes to the NEA sample size. It states that:

In line with other JCQ awarding organisations, from summer 2026 we will increase the initial sample size collected from centres as per the following table.

Number of candidates entered for the NEA component	Number of candidates included in the NEA sample
<i>Up to 5</i>	<i>All</i>
<i>6-10</i>	<i>All</i>
<i>11-15</i>	<i>All</i>
<i>16-100</i>	<i>15</i>

101-200	20
Over 200	25

The sample will be generated electronically by [Portal by WJEC - Select a Centre](#).

There is no change to the moderation process; collecting a slightly larger sample on the NEA submission deadline date means that we are less likely to contact you later during the moderation period to request additional samples. However, we do still reserve the right to request the whole cohort should we deem it necessary. Therefore, centres must ensure that all candidate work and relevant NEA forms are stored securely in the centre.

Join the moderation or examination team

There are opportunities to become an appointee and moderate or examine for L3 HSC P&C. As an appointee you will gain a valuable insight into the assessment process and increase your understanding of the subject content. Full details of how to apply can be found on our Appointees page. [Become an Examiner | WJEC](#)

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The HSC P&C team is happy to help you with all your queries related to the teaching and learning of L3 HSC P&C.

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