

In **February 2022**, the new suite of AAT qualifications will be launched under the banner of Qualifications 2022.

The Mindful Education AAT team is already hard at work reviewing all aspects of the new specifications, re-writing our course content and re-filming our video lessons to ensure that our courses are ready for the launch.



Key dates

31 January 2022 - Last registrations for current specifications (AQ2016)

1 February 2022 - Q22 first enrolments

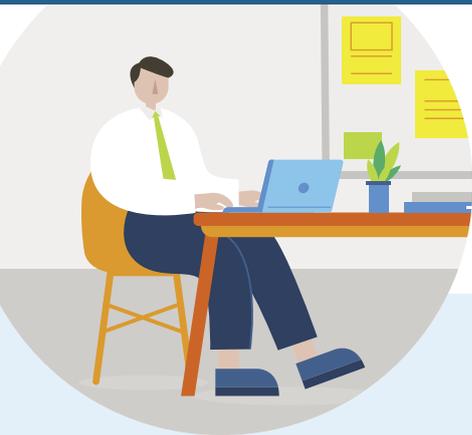
30 June 2023 - Last date to sit assessments on AQ2016

*Colleges should be aware of the potential risk of starting learners on the AQ2016 specifications in late 2021 / early 2022 as assessments will only be available up to 30 June 2023

New Qualification	Key changes from AQ2016 to Q2022
Level 2 Certificate in Accounting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accounting Software unit removed Business Environment unit added
Level 3 Diploma in Accounting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Synoptic Assessment removed Business Awareness unit added
Level 4 Diploma in Professional Accounting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Synoptic Assessment removed Management Accounting units merged

How Mindful Education are supporting our partners with the transition

1. The Mindful Education AAT team is continuing to develop the new video lessons, questions and accompanying learner and tutor materials to ensure that our courses are ready for the new specifications in February 2022
2. Our AAT courses at Level 2, Level 3 and Level 4 will all be ready for you to deliver to learners in time for the launch of the new specifications
3. Partner updates: We have already run a number of webinars for our partner colleges to provide an overview of the new specifications and how we will be supporting our partners to deliver them. If you missed these, there is another chance to attend on 30 September 2021. You can book your place on the Q2022 webinar [here](#)
4. Detailed training: from November 2021 to February 2022 we will offer online training sessions for every partner college delivery team - look out for more details via email soon



The AAT Level 3 Advanced Synoptic Assessment is changing, with effect from **1 September 2021**.

These changes are being implemented following the AAT's recent announcement that they are altering the assessment of spreadsheet skills.

Changes to the AAT Level 3 Synoptic Assessment

AAT are altering this previously singular assessment into the following two assessments:

1. **The Advanced Synoptic** - this will consist of 6 tasks covering; Advanced Bookkeeping, Final Accounts Preparation, Management Accounting: Costing and Ethics for Accountants
2. **Spreadsheets for Accounting** - this will consist of 5 tasks. Accounting will not be assessed but questions may have an accounting theme

Updates to the Mindful Education VLE

In response to this change from the AAT, and to enable learners to prepare for the new assessments, we have created the following two new units in the VLE:

1. Ethics for Accountants and Synoptic
 - This unit will be released as per your delivery calendar
2. Spreadsheets for Accounting
 - Online lessons were released on 26 July 2021
 - Assessment practice will be released in early September 2021

Notes for Tutors

- The current Spreadsheets, Ethics and Synoptic unit within the Mindful Education VLE will be discontinued on 26 July 2021, as the material is no longer being assessed in this format. To avoid confusion, learners will no longer be able to access the unit.
- Any new learners starting their Level 3 qualification will have access to the new units and will work towards the assessments in line with course calendars.
- Within the learner VLE, the delivery of Spreadsheets for Accounting will remain unchanged with skills being covered within the Advanced Bookkeeping, Final Accounts Preparation and Management Accounting: Costing units.
- The 3 lessons for Ethics for Accountants and Spreadsheets for Accounting, that currently sit within the current unit in the VLE, will be moved across into these two new units.
- There will still be 6 synoptic practice assessments, adjusted to reflect the changes in number of tasks. There will now be 4 spreadsheets for accounting practice assessments.
- For any cohorts that are due to sit the synoptic after September 2021, we will adjust all calendars to reflect the changes for two assessment sittings. Our suggestion is that learners should continue to work towards the synoptic assessment and spreadsheets at the same time, sitting the spreadsheets assessment 2 to 3 weeks prior to the synoptic assessment window, if possible.
- For new cohorts starting from September 2021, we will agree the order and exam sittings during planning and the course calendars will reflect this.

Support

We have published a short blog article on our website to help inform learners of this upcoming change and we will be posting on social media.

We are keen to support tutors however we can in navigating these changes. If you would be interested in having an informal session to discuss any of the above, then please contact kelly@mindful-education.co.uk.