

## **Introduction to Assessment Practice in Sport**

### **Qualification Outline:**

This Certificate is awarded by 1st4sport Qualifications and has been developed in partnership with sports coach UK (scUK). It is a vocationally related qualification that provides assessor candidates with an opportunity to study both the practical and theoretical aspects of assessment practice in sport.

The qualification has been designed for assessor candidates who wish to assess candidates undertaking competency-based or vocationally related sports qualifications. The knowledge gained will enable assessor candidates to develop an understanding of safe, fair, valid and reliable assessments. The IAPS provides candidates with a chance to demonstrate competence in the assessment process through realistic assessment simulations.

The websites of the Department for Education and Skills (DfES) and the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA) may also provide relevant information.

[www.openquals.org.uk](http://www.openquals.org.uk)

[www.dfes.gov.uk](http://www.dfes.gov.uk)

[www.qca.org.uk](http://www.qca.org.uk)

### **Recommended Guided Learning Hours:**

It is expected that 50 hours are required to complete the delivery, evidence gathering and assessment components of this qualification (this includes an estimate of the time that might be allocated to direct teaching or instruction, together with other structured learning time).

### **Achieving the Certificate:**

The qualification places appropriate emphasis on the practical aspects of the role of the assessor. The qualification is designed to be delivered using a mixture of tutor-led theoretical and practical sessions and directed activities.

Achievement of the qualification is through attendance on a training programme/series of workshops or accreditation of prior learning and a combination of:

- the completion of a number of tasks and compiling documented evidence of candidates assessing appropriate vocationally related qualifications or competency-based training
- (internal) assessments including observations of assessor candidate performance, completion of a number of tasks and assessment of candidates' evidence, knowledge and understanding
- an independent assessment of candidates' knowledge and understanding across the range of the syllabus.

### **Prerequisites:**

Prior to registration for the IAPS, it is recommended that candidates:

- have an appropriate level of technical competence in a specific vocational area of sport
- have an appropriate vocational or competency-based qualification at least one level above that of the candidates on which they will be conducting assessments.

(Due to the level of responsibility attached to and the experience required to carry out this role, candidates should be 18 years of age prior to registration).

### **Period of Registration:**

It is expected that candidates will complete all aspects of the assessment for the qualification and an application for certification be made, within their two-year period of registration.

### **Fees:**

Centre Approval Fee – a one-off fee for centres who wish to apply for centre approval.

Candidate Registration and Certification Fee of £55 + VAT (where applicable).

**Aims:**

To provide assessor candidates with an introduction to the processes and principles of assessment. The qualification offers an opportunity for assessor candidates to be supported in developing the knowledge of how to plan, conduct and evaluate assessments.

**Objectives:**

During the programme of study, assessor candidates will:

- Understand the principles of assessment practice.
- Review candidates' achievement to date.
- Make initial assessments of candidates.
- Develop plans for learning and assessment with candidates.
- Help candidates to meet agreed assessment requirements.
- Use a variety of appropriate assessment methods to assess candidate competence.
- Provide fair and constructive feedback to support candidates.
- Review and evaluate progress and achievements with candidates.
- Identify different types of evidence that candidates may be able to use to prove competence.
- Reflect on and evaluate own practice.
- Identify goals, develop and use a Personal Action Plan to monitor own progress.

**Assessment:**

The Introduction to Assessment Practice in Sport requires that candidates understand the assessment processes and procedures of the qualification. The following methods will be used to assess assessor candidates:

- written questioning of knowledge and understanding.
- observation of performance.
- professional discussion and oral questioning.
- reviews of evidence.

**Internal Assessment:**

All candidates are eligible to undertake the internal assessment component of the qualification. This assessment comprises the following:

- observation of the assessor candidate undertaking a minimum of two assessments, which may be simulated
- oral questioning of the candidate's knowledge and understanding of the assessment process
- a minimum of two completed self evaluation reports
- personal statements
- reviews of a minimum of:
  - two assessment plans to support the assessment process
  - two progress reviews (with different candidates)
  - two personal action plans
- a professional discussion with the internal assessor following the completion of the portfolio of evidence.

**Independent Assessment:**

At an appropriate point during or after the candidate's programme of training, candidates are required to complete the Supplementary Question Sheet found in their Candidate Pack. The independent assessor appointed by the approved centre will then review the responses to these questions and conduct a professional discussion session with the candidate assessor.

Candidates who are successful in all aspects of both internal and independent assessments will be eligible for certification for the Introduction to Assessment Practice in Sport.