

MESSAGE FOR CRAFT APPRENTICES ON CONTINUITY OF ASSESSMENT DURING MAY-JUNE 2020



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Dear Apprentice

It has been a challenging time for all while Ireland is grappling with the Covid-19 pandemic. Since the shutdown of education and training campuses on 12 March 2020, SOLAS has been providing updates via www.apprenticeship.ie and working intensively with Education and Training Boards, Institutes of Technology, TU Dublin and other key partners to support continuity of learning and assessment for craft apprentices. As part of this work, arrangements are being made for alternative assessments for you and approximately 2,500 other craft apprentices who in March 2020 had just finished or were close to finishing a phase of off-the-job training (Phase 2, Phase 4 or Phase 6). In general, these assessments will be for theory modules. Given that some time has passed since on-campus training, there will be opportunities for revision as required.

We encourage you to complete your theory assessment(s) during May-June 2020 if at all possible. We are in contact with employers to let them know what is happening and to encourage them to support you as much as possible. You may wish to discuss the assessment arrangements with your employer in due course. You do, however, have the option to defer your theory assessments to a later date, if required.

A Guidelines for Apprentices document will shortly be available to you so that you are fully briefed on the alternative assessment arrangements.

This is an initial message to update you on the plans underway, with more information to follow from your training provider and ourselves here in SOLAS over the coming days.

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