Delivering Leadership Qualifications in 2020/21

- Working with our Timetable and Curriculum?
- Social Distancing?
- Home Learning?
- Learner Evidence Records? (LERs)
- Training?
- Quality Assurance?
- Demonstration of Leadership?
- Tutoring and Assessing?
This FAQs guide should answer most of the main questions you have at the moment.

It has been compiled from the common questions we’ve been receiving from Centres in recent weeks. The questions themselves have been set out in four sections, covering the main areas of delivering our Qualifications: -

- Deciding to Deliver
- Preparing to Deliver
- Tutoring and Assessing
- Demonstration of Leadership

SLQ are adapting our qualifications to be Covid-19 friendly to ensure they are safe and easily deliverable in 2020-21. We’ll also be providing new sessions and resources that will help learners to become a leader during and after Covid-19.

SLQ will be releasing a Supportive Resources Toolkit in July 2020 to assist Centres with these adaptations and there will be a series of free to access webinars held in July to support understanding.

The SLQ team remain available at this time to assist and service you as a centre through our relationship management team. If you require any support please email us via contact@sportsleaders.org and a member of the team will be in touch.
The development of lifelong leadership skills and behaviours have never been more required than now.

Our qualifications provide meaningful learning to help improve the student experience as students re-engage into the education community and deal with the challenges of Covid-19.

Developing young people’s leadership skills will build resilience in students and significantly help to meet inspectorate requirements when it comes to personal development and in particular the character agenda.

As the official guidance suggests from all home country Departments for Education; young people can act as role models and ‘Champions’, helping to raise awareness of social distancing and other organisation policy requirements.

Our qualifications will help to formally recognise these developments in young people.

How do I convince SLT that Leadership Qualifications are important?

Our curriculum and timetable will change; how will we fit the course(s) in?

SLQ are adapting our qualifications to be Covid-19 friendly.

The new delivery model will allow for flexible, blended learning between face to face delivery and independent/home learning.

This should assist our Centres in being able to timetable leadership qualifications effectively and flexibly.

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SLQ will be providing new home learning sessions for learners on our qualifications in 2020-21. These learning sessions will complement any home/online teaching approaches you are already working with and will enable the opportunity to flexibly begin and progress with the delivery of qualifications without delay.

SLQ are aware that Centres are currently undertaking scenario planning due to the uncertainty regarding the opening of delivery sites.

We are developing resources to support each likely scenario; the table below illustrates three possible scenarios and how SLQ plans to work with Centres to facilitate course delivery.

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<td>Facilities fully open due to eliminated threat of Covid-19</td>
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<td>Centres remain closed for an undetermined length of time due to increased virus risk nationally</td>
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The qualifications can be run meeting government guidance to maintain a safe distance. Increased learner resources can be used to support learners to re-engage with their organisation and understand their responsibilities as a leader.

This scenario will result in Centres having to provide a blended learning approach for home and face to face learning. SLQ are developing key learning resources that will be learner facing and will support home learning within this scenario.

SLQ will provide Centres with the resources required to enable home learning throughout this period. This will include further learner resources being released throughout the closed period to support leadership and personal skills development.

We don’t know when our Centre will re-open to have our learners return.
If the qualifications are amended, does this change the quality and ‘weight’ they carry?

No, they still have the same quality and weight they have always had.

Qualifications will still be regulated and achieve the same number of Credits linked to the framework. The Level 3 in Sports Leadership still has the same UCAS points attached to certification.

Most importantly the qualifications will still require the same skill development and competencies as before and will produce competent Sports Leaders.

In addition to this, the qualifications will make learners aware of Covid-19 guidelines and they can become Champions of this within your organisation.

We recognise that some Centres host recruitment events and assemblies with prospective learners as they prepare for delivering new courses and that currently that might not be possible.

Without people around, how can we recruit learners on to next year’s course(s)?

We have recently developed some additional recruitment resources to help you do this remotely with both your learners and your SLT.
How can The I Can, I Am Resilience Education Programme complement Leadership Qualifications?

I Can, I Am is a remote learning programme aimed at building resilience and filling the gap left by a disrupted learning period during COVID-19.

Delivering the programme prepares learners for their return to an education environment during the Covid-19 crisis and can act as a pre-cursor to undertaking leadership qualifications in 2020-21.

Section 2
Preparing to Deliver

Can I register my 2020/21 courses if I haven’t finished my 2019/20 courses?

Yes you can! SLQ are currently supporting Centres to complete their 2019/20 courses alongside adapted assessment requirements to ensure learners can be certificated.

If you haven’t already, contact us to discuss your 2019/20 certification or view our recent guidance briefing.

We are encouraging Centres to register their 2020/21 courses to be aligned to our amended Covid-19 delivery model, to enable young people to gain essential leadership skills as part of the adapted curriculums in place for an education return.

How will training work?

We have moved our Leadership Induction Days to an online session format and these will be running through July. As we move in to 2020/21, we will be reviewing how we offer our training to our Centres in new and innovative ways.

Our e-training modules remain available for Tutor/Assessors, Internal Verifiers and Centre Course Managers.

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Section 3
Tutoring and Assessing

How can we deliver the course under social distancing measures?

The adapted and Covid-19 friendly qualifications will adhere to government guidelines, including any social distancing requirements.

SLQ will shortly be providing risk assessment examples and safe to deliver tutor resources to help both Tutors and learners.

Are LERs (Learner Evidence Records) changing for 2020/21?

SLQ are currently amending the LERs to reflect the adapted qualifications for 2020/21.

As usual, printed LERs will be available for free when you register your courses and learner numbers ahead of the deadline.

Will LERs be available digitally?

Yes. LERs are being adapted to suit Covid-19 needs.

SLQ will be providing LERs digitally to support home learning. We are aiming to make these available in time for the new academic year.

How will SLQ quality assure our Centre?

Centres will still have an annual engagement with SLQ, likely carried out remotely.

We are currently finalising exactly how that will work but we will be communicating to Centres in July exactly how that new simplified process will work in 2020/21.
Section 4
Demonstration of Leadership

How will learners be able to complete their demonstration of Leadership hours?

Demonstration of Leadership requirements have been amended for Sports and Dance Leadership courses delivered in 2020-21.

Adapted specifications will include a reduction in the number of hours required as well as new and innovative ways that leaders can safely demonstrate their leadership.

The demonstration of leadership hours in 2020/21 will be:

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SLQ will shortly be reviewing requirements for our Lowland Leadership Qualifications and the Leadership Skills Programme. Information on those adaptations will be announced separately.

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Centres will be able to access sessions and resources to support learners to become leaders after Covid-19 in July 2020.

We will also be releasing a toolkit of supportive resources and hosting webinars in July to provide extra guidance around safe delivery of our Qualifications.

If you have any other queries for the SLQ team throughout this time, our relationship management team remains available. Please contact us via email contact@sportsleaders.org.

To find out more about ‘Delivering Leadership Qualifications After Covid-19’, book on to one of our webinars in July

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