

## Online Assessment Protocols

“Examination Written, oral and/or practical tests or events as determined by the examiner and conducted under examination conditions. All assessments conducted under examination conditions will occur at a specified place and time, in invigilated setting and without access to any written or printed matter or any blank paper unless permitted by direction of the examiner”. [Unitec Exam regulations](#)

**\*\*\*According to the definition above, exams cannot be conducted online\*\*\***

If, according to the course descriptor, your assessment requires secured conditions, invigilation, closed book and defined time parameters then:	If, according to the course descriptor, your assessment has flexibility to be open book, unsecured, not invigilated, with flexible time parameters then:
Your assessment needs to occur on campus.  Assessments cannot be invigilated via Zoom.	Your assessment can occur online – see protocols below.

**Online assessments cannot be referred to as an online exam.**

**Note:** confirm Industry bodies like Nursing Council, NZ Institute of Architecture etc. are ok with online assessments.  
Acceptability of insecure/uncontrolled assessments may depend on regulation by industry bodies.

### All online assessments must:

1. Include a contingency plan, shared with students, for connectivity issues (learner access may cause issues e.g. loss of internet)
2. Allow extra time e.g. add 10-15% to the time it would take in an on-campus setting
3. Be timetabled to avoid clashes for students across the courses in the programme.
4. Embed Academic Integrity statement

**Note:** The more ‘convergent’ the assessment is (= where there is only one correct answer), the weaker the security of the evidence (conversely the more divergent/unique the evidence required is, the stronger the security).

**Assessments can be adapted for the online assessment environment with the recommendations as outlined below:**

APPROACH	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
Online quiz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Online teacher support if tech problems<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ hours of availability need to be provided so that students don’t expect teachers to be available for whole time period</li></ul></li></ul> NICE TO HAVE:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Googleable answers</li><li>• Require that students have camera on if in zoom</li><li>• 2-3 hour synchronous assessment</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability to reset quiz attempt/re-enter quiz</li> <li>• Include readings as part of quiz so questions are applied</li> <li>• Where tools like multi-choice are used, good practice would be to use a randomised question bank</li> </ul>	
Turnitin e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online scenario based</li> <li>• Essay</li> <li>• Report</li> <li>• Short and long answer questions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online teacher support if tech problems               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ the hours of availability need to be provided so that students don't expect teachers to be available for whole time period.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Googleable answers</li> <li>• Require that students have camera on if in zoom</li> <li>• 2-3 hour synchronous exam</li> </ul>
Online presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic Integrity (AI) statement</li> <li>• Asynchronous               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Students upload an annotated audio PPT or video presentation to Assessment Dropbox</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Possibility of recording synchronously in Zoom and teacher can mark recording rather than being done live (depends on whether synchronous presentation is in grading criteria)</li> </ul>	A whole day of class presentations.