

HERE TO HELP

VIRTUAL TRAINING EVENTS

Evis Ciri and Jocelyn Pryce from the IBMS Education Team outline new online sessions that have been launched.

As a result of the pandemic, we took the decision to introduce virtual methods for our assessments. The feedback we have received has been extremely positive, therefore, we have been developing ways of carrying out virtual training events too. A number of training and update events had been planned to be hosted at our offices in Coldbath Square and around the country this year. With the continued restrictions, we have decided to move our events online.

By adopting this new way of training and learning, we are able to accommodate a much larger audience without the usual barriers of travel or time. Therefore, we are planning a number of sessions for both new and experienced verifiers and examiners. These sessions will cover the processes involved in each type of assessment, different types of evidence and how to manage challenging cases.

For training day updates, information on when these events will take place and how you can access them, please keep an eye on our website's events calendar. For any queries you have, email the Education Team (registration@ibms.org).

The Education Team provides support for members and non-members alike, but there are some common themes in the questions they are asked. In response, they have collated these frequently asked questions and will be offering short online sessions to address them. These will include sessions on how to approach the laboratory approval process and applying for

a non-accredited degree assessment. In the sessions on applying for laboratory approval, we aim to focus on issues commonly encountered by first-time applicants, as well as renewal applications resulting in follow-up requests before approval can be granted, thereby reducing the turnaround time in granting different levels of training approval.

Once confirmed, all arranged events will be advertised on our website events calendar ensuring members have the opportunity to take part. Please be sure to keep an eye on our website's events calendar, accessible from the homepage, for upcoming verifier and examiners training days and CPD events hosted by the IBMS.

Recently, we have also held individual training sessions for new, non-accredited degree assessment assessors and we were

pleased to see how many of you expressed an interest. This has allowed us to increase our pool of assessors to deliver a more efficient and prompt process, reducing potential delays in providing candidates with their outcomes. Further training will be available online for those interested in becoming a non-accredited degree assessment assessor. If you would like to express your interest in becoming an assessor for this route, please email degreeassessment@ibms.org for further information on the requirements.

These member roles offer opportunities for continued professional development, so why not consider stepping up for one or more?

On behalf of the Education Team, we thank you for the continued support and encouragement. As always, we welcome your feedback and comments as they help us to help you. 

