

External Assessment through ARC / TASSUK

Access the latest medication test by completing and returning the form attached. This test should then be answered by the learner named on the application form and returned to TASS UK. The learner will be informed of the outcome by post. If they pass they will receive a certificate to prove that they have met an *external and agreed national benchmark in understanding the basic principles of handling medication in social care settings*.

What does the learner need to do?

- The learner should complete the training for handling medication in social care settings before attempting the assessment.
- The allocated test (18 questions) must be completed by the learner on their own and in their own words.
- If the learner would prefer to submit typed answers they should contact TASS UK who will supply them with an electronic version of the test (admin@tassuk.eclipse.co.uk)
- If the learner has any special assessment requirements they should contact TASSUK for information about alternative arrangements for submitting answers

What happens next?

The answers to the questions will be marked and standardised against an agreed national benchmark. Notification of the result will be sent within 2 to 4 weeks.

The results will be graded as follows;

Distinction	all 18 answers correct
Credit	15-17 answers correct
Pass	12-14 answers correct
Fail	less than 12 answers correct

Successful learners will receive a certificate of achievement on which the grading and all answers judged to be correct will be identified.

What are the benefits of external assessment?

- The learner and their line manager has proof that they have met an *external and agreed national benchmark in understanding the basic principles of handling medication in social care settings*.
- The line manager can feel more confidence in the learner's understanding
- As this marking has been done by an external body, the certificate has value and transferability to other settings and services in social care. This saves valuable time and resources.
- The certificate identifies which questions were marked as correct. This enables the line manager or NVQ assessor to top up the training and assessment where necessary
- The certificate and completed test can be used as NVQ evidence

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Further Resources:

ARC One day generic training course for staff

Developed with CSCI
Funded by the Department of Health
Approved by the Royal Pharmaceutical Society
Tracked to current NOS and GSCC Codes of Practice
Meets Skills for Care Knowledge & Skills Sets outcomes
Staff trained to agreed national benchmarks
Prices from £35.00 per learner

Training Guidance & Resource Pack

For trainers & managers wishing to check current training or design new programmes

Distance Learning

For workers unable to attend a taught course

Trainers Manual

(This product links with the 'train the trainer' programme)
A one-day 'off the shelf' training programme for trainers.

One-day 'Train the Trainer' programme

(This can be used for people delivering the one day 'off the shelf' training programme)

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