

# AF8 (2020-2021)

## Summary of Course Changes

### *AF8 primer video*

Learners now have access to two videos, designed to provide information on the requirements of AF8 and the support provided. The video explaining the requirements is presented by Gill White, Chief Customer Officer CII as the voice of authority on the topics covered and the level of existing expertise and knowledge. This is included on the unit page on the CII website and learners are advised to view the video to benefit from gaining clear unit expectation before purchase. The support video is a whiteboard video and highlights some of the key areas in which the CII provide support and is included on the RevisionMate course page.

### *RevisionMate coursework support centre*

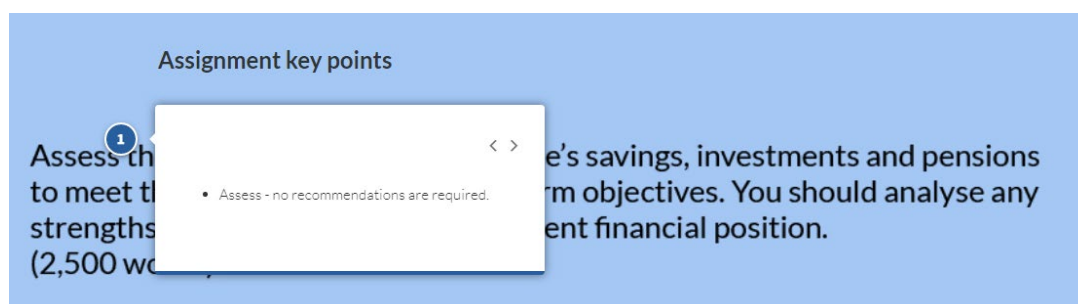
Candidates now have access to a self-enrolment coursework hub on RevisionMate which contains the guidance and support documentation that previously was duplicated on every course edition for each unit. Content has been divided into bitesize topics, ranging from advice on how to approach assignment questions, time management, research and avoiding plagiarism. The coursework support centre uses a mix of video, text and linked content using sections to prepare each student for their journey towards submitting their assignments, in addition to covering what happens after receiving their results.

### *Why was this improvement introduced?*

The aim was to make the supporting documentation more accessible and relevant to the learner in response to feedback on the previous rules and guidance document.

### *AF8 assignment walkthrough*

The AF8 walkthroughs have been extracted from the previous PDF format and turned into interactive eLearning segments. The new format is responsive, easily readable on mobile devices (unlike PDFs) and has allowed us to create a more interactive and engaging walkthrough by linking the guidance directly to the referred content. Interactive hot spots have also been added (see example below) and learners can now view guidance and advice directly linked to key words. The eLearning is split into multiple segments and students cannot continue past hotspot areas until all information has been accessed, ensuring all content is suitably accessed.



### ***New assignment deadlines***

Candidates will have a 12-month enrolment period with the following assignment deadlines:

Assignment 1	3 months from the date of enrolment
Assignment 2	6 months from the date of enrolment
Assignment 3	9 months from the date of enrolment
Resubmissions	12 months from the date of enrolment

Upon enrolment, candidates will receive an email with their assignment deadlines. This information is also accessible via candidates' RevisionMate account.

#### ***Why was this improvement introduced?***

For candidates who have failed assignment 3, the change in assignment deadlines allows them time to resubmit their assignment without having to purchase a new enrolment.

We encourage candidates to submit their assignments before their deadlines to ensure they complete the course on time and to take into account that the CII takes up to **40 working days** to mark assignments.

### ***Enhanced feedback on failed assignments***

Once candidates have submitted their assignment, they will be able to see their Turnitin score and their Turnitin originality report through their RevisionMate account.

Assignments are marked independently by at least two markers. If the assignment is not marked unanimously as a pass, then the assignment is discussed through a moderation process to determine the final grade.

If that grade is a fail, then feedback comments will be left on the assignment so the learner can address areas that they need to improve upon. The feedback will relate directly to the reasons the markers could not award a pass.

These feedback comments will be provided through the Turnitin originality report that candidates can access through their RevisionMate account.

This feedback is in addition to the overall mark and the feedback codes for each marking criteria (Knowledge and understanding, Application and analysis, Coherent structure, and Evidence of the use of relevant examples/further reading to support answers) provided in their MyCII account.

The feedback comments will not provide the answer to the question.

If a candidate would like further feedback to the comments given on their Turnitin originality report, they will need to request a [post-results review of marking](#).

#### ***Why was this improvement introduced?***

Enhanced feedback on failed assignments was introduced to help candidates who receive a fail grade re-draft their assignment. The feedback comments help with self-evaluation of the assignment and should be used alongside the assessment marking criteria as well as the additional resources available on RevisionMate.