Definitions of summative assessment types

Categories:

1. Written Discourses
2. Oral Discourses
3. Performance – Exhibition – Demonstration
4. Design
5. Student-negotiated

Notes:

- The list of summative assessment types is intended to

   o provide consistent descriptions to students across the University
   o provide course and unit teaching teams with a range of possible approaches that could be considered to assure learning outcomes consistent with QUT's assessment policy
   o enable consistent and efficient reporting and mapping of different types of assessment as requested by course teams and faculties.

- The term 'attendance' is not included in the list, as attendance is not supported as an assessment strategy by QUT's policy for Assessment (MOPP C/5.1).

- The term 'participation' is not included as an assessment type, but can be part of the assessment criteria under a particular task (e.g. Discussion Forum).

- A single assessment item may include a number of different activities (e.g. a 'Practical' may involve a series of weekly laboratory exercises)

- The assessment item should describe at least 80% of the required activities (e.g. a Discussion Forum could include submission of a short written answer to a problem – but this should not be more than 20% of the overall item).

- A number of the assessment types in this list may be relevant to work integrated learning activities.

Assessment Type	Definition	Examples
1. WRITTEN DISCOURSES		
Abstract	a concise description of a longer paper	- research/conference - journal
Annotated Bibliography	a list of relevant literature on a topic; each entry includes a brief description of its relevance to the topic	- research training - research effort - critical comprehension

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Case Study	analytical account of an instance or event relating to a person, group or organisation within its real life context applying discipline specific models, constructs and research literature	- identification and analysis of discipline specific issues or trends and their significance within an event in its real world context - application of disciplines specific models or constructs for analysis and critique or an event in its real world context - development and justification of discipline- appropriate, innovative solutions for an event in its real world context
Critique (written)	a written constructive criticism or judgment based on criteria	critique of any of the following: - performance - published work - artefact - construction
Essay	an extended prose response to a set question, problem or issue	- critical - expository - discursive
Examination (written)	set tasks/questions/problems, completed in a pre-determined, restricted time span under invigilated conditions as summative assessment	- invigilated, unseen Q/s - invigilated, seen Q/s - mid-semester, in-class - invigilated test or quiz
Literature Review	a written paper based on systematic and explicit identification, evaluation and interpretation of existing bodies of work	May be associated with - research project - a particular discipline/topic
Workbook	an objective record of observations, completed tasks or goals that have been met	- site experience - course/unit/tutorial experience - record of events - log
Minutes	an official record of discussion and post-meeting action/s	- formal meetings - team decisions
Peer Review	a documented, critical judgment by students of peer work	- oral feedback or written notes
Portfolio	a student compilation of work completed during a semester or over a course accompanied by a justification for inclusion	- unit-based achievement - course-based - suite/sequence-based - e-portfolio

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Problem Solving Task	an exercise to solve problems of limited scope using appropriate rules or techniques	- experiment - hypothesis-based task - scenario-based task
Professional plans	documentation used for planning, internships (WIL) and other professionally-aligned work	- action plan - overview - proposal - conceptual plan - chart - lesson planning
Project (research)	building and testing a theoretical position	- case study - action research - experiment - impact studies - planning for complex professional task - field work
Project (applied)	the application of theory and practice	- the programming of an IT environment - application of sustainability in the build environment - application in social sciences of multiple intelligences
Quiz/Test	a non-invigilated response to a finite number of questions, may be short answer or multiple choice, or combination of both Note: if a quiz is summative and invigilated, then it is classified as 'examination (written)'.	- process knowledge - calculation - factual recall - concept/context response - online
Reflective journal	an evaluation of student's own learning that includes critical, analytic reflection	- personalised account of a topic, experience or event critical analysis of experience/activity - evaluation of student's own learning
Report	a structured writing genre that presents a logical and factual account of events within its time-line	- scientific/technical report - analytical report - editorial or media-aligned account - summative account of experience - business report - board/management paper

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Research Paper	a written presentation of an investigation into a selected topic according to the style required in the particular discipline	- conference paper - journal article - covers an entire project or a component of a project
Self-assessment	an assessment of own knowledge, work, skill or ability according to criteria	- reflective - indicate growth and development
Thesis	an extended piece of research designed to set up and defend an intellectual position taken by its author	PhD, masters or honours - written document presented in accordance with QUT regulations - artwork and exegesis
2. ORAL DISCOURSES		
Critique (oral)	an oral constructive criticism or judgement based on criteria	- performance - published work - artefact - construction
Debate	an argument for or against a specific topic	- usually in teams - formal rules
Discussion Forum	comments or posting contributions to topics or questions posed by lecturer/peers	- Blackboard discussion site - BLOGS - collection of communication strategies (e.g. informal debate, presentation, written task etc)
Interview	a formal meeting conducted to elicit information from a person or group	of students: - examiner/panels by students: - to defined audience
Presentation **(Oral individual or group)**	an oral presentation/speech (that may include visual materials)	- plan for action - introduction to a performed task - explanation/justification of/for position - conference presentation

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Viva voce	a verbal explanation/account of a topic, problem or task	- one or more examiners - assessment usually both or verbal communication skills and content knowledge - mooting
3. PERFORMANCE – EXHIBITION – DEMONSTRATION		
Creative work	an original creative work - a tangible product of creative effort	- fine arts and crafts work, diagram, map, photographic image, sculpture or installation. - realised, constructed, fabricated or unrealised building and design projects. - written creative work such as a novel or art review. Includes exhibition catalogues and catalogue entries. - realised or unrealised fashion design project, garment, fashion graphic or textile print. - music or sound design composition - other original creative works that do not fit the other types of assessment
Demonstration	a demonstration of professional, practical or creative skills, dispositions and knowledge	Skills and knowledge and dispositions are observed by an examiner relating to - laboratory / clinical procedures - micro teaching - creative performance May occur weekly or on an irregular basis, or as a single, prepared or unprepared invigilated practical task.
Placement performance	the student applies learning and demonstration of professional capabilities in workplace or community context assessment may be by academic supervisor, industry supervisor or a combination of the both	- practicum - internship - field experience - clinical placement - community service - professional experience - cooperative education

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Examination (practical)	assessment of professional, practice or performance-related skills through set practical tasks/questions in a pre-determined, restricted time span under invigilated conditions	- solo or group performing arts (music, dance, drama) - examination of un/prepared work - laboratory or field practical
Exhibition	curated or produced exhibition or event which involves an organised presentation and display of a selection of items	- the curation and/or production of an internet website presenting a collection of creative works where the internet is the medium of the exhibited works. - the curation and/or production of a collection of creative works exhibited together, in that particular arrangement, in a gallery, museum, designated space or event - the curation of a festival bringing together new work or existing works - curated or produced exhibitions and events that do not fit into the above
Laboratory/Practical	a demonstration of technical/professional skills	- experiment - research - scientific enquiry - practical examination
Performance	an enacted, real-time performance event of creative work in which there is the physical co-presence of performer and audience	- new work or a demonstrably new or innovative interpretation or production of an existing work. - other new work or demonstrably new or innovative interpretations or productions of an existing work.
Recorded/rendered creative work	work presented through a recording or rendering medium	- film or video - performances (music, dance, theatre, etc) created specifically for a recorded medium - recorded/rendered creative works, often experimental, and drawing on a number of disciplines - creative 3D models, including digital outputs of architectural and design projects, computer programs, games and visual artworks. - creative works featured in a

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		website. - other recorded/rendered creative works not listed above
Poster Presentation	a 2D representational work for public display	- graphic summation of learning for group/open - graphic representation of argument/concept/idea
Simulation	action within a reproduction of a workplace or environment	- technology (usually digital)-based - experiential
Teamwork (process)	analytical account of the team effort to complete an assessment task	- response to criteria
4. DESIGN (incl Theatre, Fashion, Architecture, Interior Design, Engineering, IT)		
Design	2D or 3D representation of an object or system,	- drawing - structure - backdrop - interior plan - building plan - structural plan - software/programs - scale model (mock-up) - deconstructed object (properties) - visual representation (e.g., concept map)
Model **(Theoretical)**	representation of a an event, theoretical position or phenomenon	- predictive computer model
5. STUDENT NEGOTIATED		
Student negotiated assessment	a topic, its nature and scope developed in consultation with the lecturer or supervisor	- learning contracts