

Advanced Diploma in Retirement Provision

Unit Test Specification

This Test Specification applies to the following exam units:

Core Units (Ofqual Level 4):

- Core Unit 1A
- Core Unit 1B
- Core Unit 2
- Core Unit 3
- Core Unit 4

Questions primarily test your ability to:

- Recall and understand key facts, rules, legislation, and procedures in pensions and retirement provision.
- Apply knowledge to typical, well-defined scenarios.
- Choose the correct option based on accurate recall and basic application.

Specialist Units (Ofqual Level 6)

- Defined Benefit Arrangements
- Defined Contribution Arrangements
- Reward and Retirement Provision
- Managing International Employee Benefits

Questions primarily test your ability to:

- Critically evaluate information and competing arguments.
- Apply knowledge to more complex, realistic, or ambiguous situations.
- Demonstrate judgement about what is most appropriate in a given context.
- Understand the reasons *why* certain rules or approaches exist and their implications.

The Advanced Diploma uses the following variety of question types:

Exam Unit	Total Questions	Exam Duration	Question Format	Pass Mark %
Core Unit Papers	80	2 hours	All questions are single-answer multiple choice with options A, B, C, or D	65%
Specialist Units	80	2 hours	- 60 questions: Single-answer multiple choice (A, B, C, or D)	65 %
			- 20 questions: Choose one from two given statements: either (i) or (ii)	

- **Marks Allocation:** Each question carries 1 mark.

- **Marking Scheme:** There is no negative marking for incorrect answers.

Please refer to the sample questions available on the learning website linked below :

[Pathways Learner Support Materials](#)