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In August 2020, the QAB made the decision to give an extension on the Stage 2 portfolio deadlines. This was again raised in the monthly update meeting this week.

The QAB has now confirmed that students within both Stage 1 and Stage 2 of the CTSI professional competency framework (CPCF) will be granted a further extension from the initial extension of April 2021 to September 2021. However, this will have an impact on when you will be awarded your certificate/diploma.

If students decide to use the extension and submit in September, they will not be awarded their certification at the July ratification Board but instead be awarded at the December ratification Board.

The QAB strongly recommends for candidates sitting in the May/June 2021 cycle, that all effort should be made to submit coursework, portfolios, weights and measures reflective statements prior to taking examinations, as these all aid in the preparation for exams.

It has also been decided that for those unable to complete certain elements of their portfolio, for example sampling/investigations, other avenues can be taken. CTSI will be providing further information to Verifiers on how to support candidates throughout this process. The QAB encourages candidates to think outside the box.

The QAB also recognises that 2020 has been a difficult year for candidates to gain the practical experience required to assist with assessments and therefore flexibility will be given if required and should be discussed with the team.

