

Assessing Against Learning Outcomes, Module 1

1.0 Exploring Learning Outcomes

In module 1, we will define learning outcomes and understand the purpose of assessment.

A learning outcome is a statement that describes what a teacher expects the student will be able to do, or what the student will know by the end of the study period, whether that be a lesson, a week, term or semester.

Effective learning outcomes need to be:

Measurable

Specific

Comprehensible to stakeholders such as teachers, learners and pathway institutions.

Effective learning outcomes also need to be Useful for teaching and assessment, and

Realistic for students to achieve.