### Learning Outcomes

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<td>1. Identify concepts relevant to the study of organisation structures</td>
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### Assessment Methodology

A 3000–3500 word assignment.

### Grading of this Unit

The following grade descriptors will be applied to the assessment of this unit:

1. Understanding of the Subject
2. Application of Knowledge
3. Use of Information
4. Communication and Presentation
5. Quality

Please refer to the QAA Grade Descriptors for detail of the components of each descriptor.
Please note that the indicative content supplied below is intended as a suggested guide only. It is not meant to be a prescriptive, exhaustive or fully delivered content list.

1.1. Sole Traders, Partnerships, Franchise, Co-Operatives, Public and Private Limited Companies
2.1–3.2 Key Functions of Differing Business Structures
4.1–4.2 Legal and Regulatory Structures within business organisations

**Assessment Criterion 1.1**

Terms such as sole traders, limited companies, partnerships.

**Assessment Criterion 2.1**

Organisation charts.