

Should **You** Use Self Learning Modules (SLMs) for Some Participants?

Should you use Self Learning Modules for some of your participants? Consider the drawbacks and advantages carefully.

Consider the **drawbacks**:

- Currently there are no guidelines for SLMs.
- SLMs are NOT an option for participants who are not skilled readers.
- SLMs are NOT recommended for all topics.
- SLMs may not support a learner-centered approach to education, especially if the learning activity is purely knowledge-based and does not include an application piece.
- Participants' questions may be left unanswered.
- There is limited or no interaction with peers.
- Not all facilities have space available to support SLMs as an area free of distractions is suggested.

There are **some advantages**:

- SLMs may help meet the needs of participants who prefer self-learning.
- SLMs may reduce time spent for call-backs, no-show calls, and rescheduling.