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Scottish Group Award Specifications

SGA in:	**Hairdressing and Beauty Services: Hairdressing**		
Level:	**Higher**	**Code:**	**G5BT 12**

Summary of requirements

SGA in Hairdressing and Beauty Services: Hairdressing at Higher

National Courses and Units required*

2 mandatory National Courses (8 credits) at Higher:
Hairdressing: Cutting and Perming Hair
Hairdressing: Principles of Colouring Hair

Details in specific section

plus

1 National Course (4 credits) at Higher from:
English
Human Biology
Salon Business Environment

Details in specific section

plus

8 credits at minimum of Intermediate 2

Details in open section

Total 20 credits

Core Skills required*

The above must include or cover:
5 core skills at Intermediate 2

Details in specific section

*See Important Note on page 4.

Rules for credit contribution for specific and open sections

Important Note* Achievement above the minimum requirements

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- Core Skills at levels above those specified
- more National Courses and Units at Higher instead of the credits at Intermediate 2
- National Course grades, eg grade A or B instead of grade C
- more than the required three National Courses, in which case each additional course completed counts as four credits in the open section of the specification

Hierarchies

- courses and units can be substituted by those with the same title at a higher level, eg Working with Others (Int 2) can be substituted by Working with Others (H). (See Section E)

Double counting

- courses and units with the same title at different levels cannot both contribute credits to the SGA, eg **either** English (Int 2) **or** English (H)
- courses at the same level in the same subject cannot both contribute credits to the SGA, eg **either** the National Course in Human Biology at Higher **or** SCE Higher Grade Human Biology (See Section F)
- same course with different grades cannot both contribute credits to the SGA, eg **either** Higher Hairdressing: Cutting and Perming Hair at grade A **or** Higher Hairdressing: Cutting and Perming Hair at grade C
- same course or unit cannot contribute credit to both the specific and open sections of an SGA

National Course awards at Grade D

National Course awards at Grade D can contribute to the SGA in the following ways:

- in place of the specified Higher Course, a grade D at Advanced Higher in the Course of the same title can contribute 4 credits to the specific section
- a grade D at Higher (or above) can contribute 4 credits to the open section.

Note - The former compensatory course awards (fallbacks) can also contribute to the SGA:

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Gaelic (Learners) and Gàidhlig

- Gaelic (Learners) and Gàidhlig courses cannot both contribute credits to the SGA
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Specific section

A

This section specifies: mandatory courses, mandatory units, mandatory combinations of courses and/or units, mandatory core skill requirements and optional courses and units.

Course/unit no	Course/unit title	Credits
C02H 12	Hairdressing: Cutting and Perming Hair (H)	4
C02J 12	Hairdressing: Principles of Colouring Hair (H)	4
plus one other National course from:		
C115 12	English (H)	4
C009 12	Human Biology (H)	4
C02G 12	Salon Business Environment (H)	4

Total credits required: 12

** Core skills requirement

Communication at Intermediate 2
Numeracy at Intermediate 2
Information Technology at Intermediate 2
Problem Solving at Intermediate 2
Working with Others at Intermediate 2

** See Section D for core skills details.

Note: Candidates may substitute designated SCE Highers for National Courses at Higher in this section. (See Section F)

Open section

B

8 credits at minimum of Intermediate 2 are required to complete this SGA. These can be chosen from either one or both of the following sections:

- Open section (any qualification listed below)
- Specific section (units and courses not already chosen)

The 8 credits may be made up from any of the following. Each has a fixed credit value for the purposes of this SGA.

Qualifications		Credit
National Units at Intermediate 2 or above	each typically	1
National Courses at Intermediate 2 or above	each	4
Standard Grades at Credit Level contribute credits at *Intermediate 2**	each	4
SCE Highers contribute credits at *Higher**	each	4
Free-standing core skills units (if required to complete the core skills requirement)	each	1
Relevant SVQs at Level 2 in the following occupational areas contribute credits at *Intermediate 2*: 007 (Providing Goods and Services)	max	8
Relevant SVQs at Level 3 in the following occupational areas contribute credits at *Higher*: 007 (Providing Goods and Services)	max	8

*If achieved prior to 1994 please contact SQA Helpdesk ☎ 0141 242 2214.

Note: There are many ways in which the 8 credits at Intermediate 2 can be achieved and the following sections are provided for your information.

Open section: Qualifications which can contribute credits to this group award.
Programme advice: Guidance on possible combinations of units and courses which candidates might choose in order to gain the required credits.

Centres and candidates should agree the most appropriate way of gaining the required credits to meet each candidate's individual needs.

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Note: Advice on making up programmes of credit from the open section follows in Section C.

Programme advice

C

Candidates having met the requirements of the specific section need to achieve a further 8 credits at a minimum of Intermediate 2. The general rules are defined in Section B.

A wide choice is available to meet the 8 credits. Centres should consider individual candidate needs, eg for further specialist work within the title area of the SGA or for broadening beyond the SGA title area.

Advice has been developed in the following section on possible groupings of units and courses. This might be useful in the selection of programmes to meet individual candidates' career and progression needs in hairdressing. The groupings are not exhaustive. Centres and candidates can choose other provision from SQA's range of qualifications to build up a coherent programme.

Candidates can make up the 8 credits by selecting courses and/or units from a range of these groupings or by selecting courses and/or units from an individual grouping according to their needs.

Please note the rules on hierarchical substitution and double-counting listed in Section B when finalising individual candidate SGA programmes.

*Mandatory unit of a course. †Optional unit of a course. All other units are free-standing National Units.
[ ]Bracketed numbers indicate the former coding for these unrevised National Units.

Course/unit no	Course/unit title	Credits
Art, Design and Drama		
Free-standing National Units:		
D653 11	Make-up for Performance (Int 2)	1
D6WH 11	Media Studies: Still Image (Int 2)	1
D16X 11	Photography: Introduction to Portraiture (Int 2) [8170074]	1
D12H 11	Small Scale Production: Direction (Int 2) [7290421]	1
D12K 11	Small Scale Production: Set Design (Int 2) [7290461]	1
D0H1 11	Stage Make-Up (Int 2) [61259]	1
D13D 11	Video Skills: Presentation and Production (Int 2) [7290803]	1
Business and Supervision		
Component unit of Business Management course:		
D049 12	*Business Enterprise (H)	1
Component unit of Hospitality Event Supervision course:		
D930 12	*Supervising People (H)	1
Component unit of Interpreting the Natural Environment course:		
D0VM 12	*Roles and Responsibilities within Group Business Activity (H) [6110115]	1
Free-standing National Units:		
D0XV 12	Marketing Mix (H) [6260046]	1
D0XT 11	Marketing Research Principles (Int 2) [6260036]	1
D0ST 11	Stock Control (Int 2) [5120257]	1

Course/unit no	Course/unit title	Credits

Enterprise

Free-standing National Units:

D0VV 12	Considerations for Self Employment (H) [6120415]	1
D0VW 12	Researching a Business Opportunity (H) [6120425]	1

Fashion and Fashion Design

Free-standing National Units:

D11L 12	Design Selection and Garment Construction (H) [7150620]	2
D0HW 11	Fashion Design: General Principles 2 (Int 2) [61801]	1
D0RY 11	Introduction to Garment Pattern Construction (Int 2) [3240183]	1

Hairdressing and Beauty

Course:

C02C 11	Hairdressing: Composite Skills in Hairdressing (Int 2)	4

Component units of course:

D05J 11	*Analysis of Hair and Scalp (Int 2)	1
D17W 11	*Shampoo Hair and Scalp (Int 2)	0.5
D05G 11	†Dry Hair into Style and Create a Finished Look (Int 2)	1.5
D05H 11	†Setting and Finishing Hair (Int 2)	1.5

Free-standing National Units:

D0V3 12	Artificial Nail Structures (H) [5150054]	1
D05T 12	Competition Hairdressing (H)	1
D05F 11	Condition Hair and Scalp (Int 2)	0.5
D05M 12	Cutting Beards and Moustaches (H)	1
D0V1 12	Eye Treatments (H) [5150034]	0.5
D05X 12	Fashion Winding and Reshaping Hair (H)	1
D05L 12	Gents Haircutting (H)	3
D8VM 12	Hair Colouring: Special Effects (H)	1
D8VN 12	Hair Colouring: Theory and Practice (H)	2
D0VL 12	Hair Extensions (H) [525006]	1
D05K 12	Ladies Haircutting (H)	3
D0V2 11	Nail Care (Int 2) [5150044]	1
D05P 12	Styling and Dressing Long Hair (H)	1.5

Health and Fitness/ Health and Safety

Component unit of Care course:

D060 12	†Health Promotion (H)	1

Free-standing National Units:

D11E 12	First Aid Measures (H) [7140226]	1
D11P 12	Health and Safety at Work (H) [7160046]	0.5
D11K 12	Nutrition and Health (H) [7150540]	1
D81R 12	Planning Personal Fitness (H) [5170015]	1
D0VF 11	Personal Well-being and Exercise (Int 2) [5170005]	1

Course/unit no	Course/unit title	Credits

Modern Languages other than English/Gàidhlig

Free-standing National Units:

C059 11	French (Int 2)	4
C084 11	Gaelic (Learners): Listening and Talking (Int 2)	4
C085 11	Gaelic (Learners): Reading and Writing (Int 2)	4
C060 11	German (Int 2)	4
C061 11	Italian (Int 2)	4
C062 11	Russian (Int 2)	4
C063 11	Spanish (Int 2)	4

Any component units of any modern languages course at Intermediate 2

Any free-standing National Units in modern languages at Intermediate 2

[1]See Rules for credit contribution

Personal and Social Education

Course:

C067 12	Personal and Social Education (H)	4

Component units of course:

D364 12	*Personal Awareness and Development (H)	1
D365 12	*Social Awareness and Development (H)	1
D366 12	*Vocational Awareness and Development (H)	1

Free-standing National Unit:

D0VP 12	Basic Applications of Behavioural Science (H) [6110310]	1

Psychology

Component units of Psychology course:

DF5K11	Psychology: Understanding the Individual (Int 2)	1
DF5L 11	Psychology: Investigating Behaviour (Int 2)	1
DF5M 11	Psychology: The Individual in the Social Context (Int 2)	1

Retail and Customer Service

Course:

C02D 11	Salon Service Skills (Int 2)	4

Component units of course:

D04H 11	*Customer Service (Int 2)	1
D05V 11	*Salon Reception and Administration Duties (Int 2)	1
D0SF 11	*Selling Skills (Int 2) [5120047]	1

Science

Course:

C012 11	Chemistry (Int 2)	4

Course/unit no	Course/unit title	Credits
Component units of Chemistry course:		
D068 11	*Acids, Bases and Metals (Int 2)	1
D066 11	*Building Blocks (Int 2)	1
D067 11	*Carbon Compounds (Int 2)	1
Course:		
C069 11	Physics (Int 2)	4
Component units of course:		
D380 11	*Electricity and Electronics (Int 2)	1
D379 11	*Mechanics and Heat (Int 2)	1
D382 11	*Radioactivity (Int 2)	0.5
D381 11	*Waves and Optics (Int 2)	0.5
Component unit of Physics course:		
D384 12	*Radiation and Matter (H)	1
Component unit of Biology course:		
D037 13	†Physiology, Health and Exercise (AH)	0.5
Component unit of Biology course:		
D028 11	†Animal Physiology (Int 2)	1
Component unit of Biotechnology course:		
D039 11	*Working with Microorganisms (Int 2)	1
Free-standing National Units:		
D13J 11	Introducing Microbiology (Int 2) [7310511]	1
D940 11	Science in Context 2 (Int 2)	1
D941 11	Science Investigation Skills (Int 2)	0.5

Work Experience

Free-standing National Unit:		
D36H 11	Work Experience (Int 2)	1

Core Skills

Free-standing National Units:		
D01B 11	Communication (Int 2)	1
D01C 11	Numeracy (Int 2)	1
D01D 11	Information Technology (Int 2)	1
D01F 11	Working with Others (Int 2)	1

Candidates who have not achieved these core skills in other ways must select the required core skills units. See Section D for further information.

In this SGA the Problem Solving core skill is automatically certificated through courses and units in the specific section. The corresponding core skill unit in the open section cannot be counted towards the SGA.

Other core skills may be automatically certificated through courses and units in the specific section. Where this is the case, the corresponding core skill unit in the open section cannot be counted towards the SGA.

Core skills

D

To achieve this SGA, all candidates **must achieve** the following core skills:

Core skill	Level
Communication	Intermediate 2
Numeracy	Intermediate 2
Information Technology	Intermediate 2
Problem Solving	Intermediate 2
Working with Others	Intermediate 2

Candidates can achieve core skills:

- through Standard Grades or other units which give automatic certification of core skills, eg a candidate who has completed Standard Grade English at Credit level is given automatic certification of Communication at Intermediate 2
- by selecting from the group award units and courses which give automatic certification of core skills, eg the Higher course in Biology gives automatic certification of Problem Solving at Intermediate 2
- by selecting dedicated core skills units in the open section of the SGA

Candidates' current level of achievement in core skills is shown on the Scottish Qualifications Certificate in the form of a profile. This shows achievement against each of the core skills *components.* Where a core skill has more than one component, the candidate needs to achieve each component at the level specified for the SGA. For example, if an SGA requires Communication at Intermediate 2, a candidate whose profile shows Written Communication at Intermediate 2 and Oral Communication at Intermediate 1 would not meet the requirement and would have to improve in Oral Communication.

Details of all courses which give automatic certification of core skills is published in the *Catalogue of Core Skills in National Qualifications* (SQA, 2001/2002).

Hierarchical sequences

E

The SQA numbering system for qualifications consists of a 4 + 2 reference code.

The qualifications in a hierarchical sequence have the same title and are available at more than one level. They are identified by their reference code having the same first four digits, eg, D36H in the example below. The last two digits are unique to each level of qualification, eg 12 equates to Higher, 11 equates to Intermediate 2.

Units

The following is an example of a hierarchical sequence of units:

D36H 09	Work Experience (Acc 3)
D36H 10	Work Experience (Int 1)
D36H 11	Work Experience (Int 2)
D36H 12	Work Experience (H)

Where units which are part of hierarchical sequences are specified, candidates who achieve a unit at a higher level than the one specified can use the upper level unit to count as credit towards the group award. For example, Work Experience (H) can be counted instead of Work Experience (Int 2).

Candidates can only use one of these units to count as credit towards the group award.

In the case of unrevised National Certificate Modules, ie units which retain their original number, there are hierarchies where the title is the same and the number is different. Details of these exceptions will be published in a separate document. The pattern for these hierarchies is the same as that previously established for GSVQs.

There are also some hierarchies where the titles and numbers of the units at different levels are different. In this specification, if there are two units at different levels with heavily overlapping content, only one of these units should be used to count as credit towards the group award. Details of these exceptions will be published in a separate document.

Courses

The following is an example of a hierarchical sequence of courses:

C115 10	English (Int 1)
C115 11	English (Int 2)
C115 12	English (H)
C115 13	English (AH)

In the SGA specification, where courses which belong to hierarchical sequences are specified, candidates who achieve a course at a higher level than the one specified can use the upper level course to count as credit towards the group award. For example, English and Communication (AH) can be counted instead of English and Communication (H).

Candidates can only use one of these courses to count as credit towards the group award - a maximum of 4 credits.

SCE Highers

F

Designated SCE Highers can contribute 4 credits each to the SGA in place of National Courses in the *specific section.*

The designated SCE Highers and their corresponding National Courses, either of which can contribute to this SGA, are as follows:

SCE Higher Grade*	**National Course**
English	English (H)
Human Biology	Human Biology (H)

*SCE Highers do not give automatic certification of core skills. Further information will be published about this in due course.

Note: Any SCE Higher can contribute 4 credits to the *open section.*

SVQs

G

Relevant Scottish Vocational Qualifications (SVQs) from occupational area 007 (Providing Goods and Services) can each contribute up to eight credits to the open section of the SGA.

SVQs at Level 3 contribute credits at Higher.
SVQs at Level 2 contribute credits at Intermediate 2.

The following are **examples** of relevant SVQs.

Code no	Relevant SVQs	Level
007 Providing Goods and Services		
G60N 23	Beauty Therapy	3
G60M 22	Beauty Therapy	2
G416 23	Customer Service	3
G3AW 22	Customer Service	2
G42J 23	Hairdressing	3
G3CE 22	Hairdressing	2

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