

Scottish Group Award Specifications

SGA in:	Hairdressing and Beauty Services		
Level:	Intermediate 2	Code:	G5BR 11

Summary of requirements

SGA in Hairdressing and Beauty Services at Intermediate 2

National Courses and Units required*

2 mandatory National Courses (8 credits) at Intermediate 2:
Hairdressing: Composite Skills in Hairdressing
Salon Service Skills

Details in specific section

plus

1 National Unit (1 credit) from:
Nail Care (Int 2)
Work Experience (Int 2)
or
2 National Units (2 x 0.5 credit):
Condition Hair and Scalp (Int 2)
Working Safely (Int 2)

Details in specific section

plus

2 further credits from above list and/or from:
Personal Presentation (Int 1)
Practical Skills for Salon Assistants (Int 1)

Details in specific section

plus

5 credits at minimum of Intermediate 1

Details in open section

Total 16 credits

Core Skills required*

The above must include or cover:
5 core skills at Intermediate 1

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 Intermediate 2 instead of the credits at Intermediate 1
- National Course grades, eg grade A or B instead of grade C
- more than the required two 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 Work Experience (Int 1) can be substituted by Work Experience (Int 2) (See Section E)

Double counting

- courses and units with the same title at different levels cannot both contribute credits to the SGA, eg **either** Business Management (Int 1) **or** Business Management (Int 2)
- courses at the same level in the same subject cannot both contribute credits to the SGA, eg **either** the National Course in Biology at Intermediate 1 **or** Standard Grade Biology at General Level
- same course with different grades cannot both contribute credits to the SGA, eg **either** Salon Service Skills (Int 2) at grade A **or** Salon Service Skills (Int 2) at grade C
- same course or unit cannot contribute credit to both the specific and open sections of an SGA

National Course award at Grade D

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

- a grade D at Intermediate 2 (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

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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
plus one or two National Units to gain one credit from:		
C02C 11	Hairdressing: Composite Skills in Hairdressing (Int 2)	4
C02D 11	Salon Service Skills (Int 2)	4
plus two further credits from above list and/or from:		
D05F 11	Condition Hair and Scalp (Int 2)	0.5
D0V2 11	Nail Care (Int 2) [5150044]	1
D36H 11	Work Experience (Int 2)	1
D11N 11	Working Safely (Int 2)	0.5
D0TY 10	Personal Presentation (Int 1) [5150014]	1
D05W 10	Practical Skills for Salon Assistants (Int 1)	1.5

Total credits required: 11

** Core skills requirement

Communication at Intermediate 1
Numeracy at Intermediate 1
Information Technology at Intermediate 1
Problem Solving at Intermediate 1
Working with Others at Intermediate 1

** See Section D for core skills details.

Open section

B

5 credits at minimum of Intermediate 1 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 5 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 1 or above	each typically 1
National Courses at Intermediate 1 or above	each 4
Standard Grades at General Level contribute credits at <i>Intermediate 1</i> *	each 4
Standard Grades at Credit Level contribute credits at <i>Intermediate 2</i> *	each 4
Free-standing core skills units (if required to complete the core skills requirement)	each 1
Relevant SVQs at Level 1 in the following occupational areas contribute credits at <i>Intermediate 1</i> : 007 (Providing Goods and Services)	max 5
Relevant SVQs at Level 2 in the following occupational areas contribute credits at <i>Intermediate 2</i> : 007 (Providing Goods and Services)	max 5

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

Note: There are many ways in which the 5 credits at Intermediate 1 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.

Candidates having met the requirements of the specific section need to achieve a further 5 credits at a minimum of Intermediate 1. The general rules are defined in Section B.

A wide choice is available to meet the 5 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 and beauty services. 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 5 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		
Component unit of Art and Design course:		
D015 10	*Design Activity (Int 1)	1
Free-standing National Units:		
D945 11	Colour: An Introduction (Int 2)	1
D952 11	Photography: An Introduction (Int 2)	1
D959 11	Two Dimensional Design: Basic Skills (Int 2)	1
D0HS 11	Video Production Technology: Basic Skills (Int 2) [61790]	1
D12G 10	Small-Scale Production: Costume (Int 1) [7290411]	1
D12J 10	Small-Scale Production: Make-up (Int 1) [7290441]	1
Business and Enterprise		
Component units of Business Management courses:		
D047 10	*Business Activities (Int 1)	1
D049 11	*Business Enterprise (Int 2)	1
Component unit of Accounting and Finance course:		
D001 10	*Recording of Financial Transactions (Int 1)	1
Free-standing National Unit:		
D0XP 11	Marketing: Basic Principles (Int 2) [6260006]	1

Course/unit no	Course/unit title	Credits
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Fashion and Fashion Design

Component units of Home Economics – Fashion and Textile Technology course:

D273 10	*Developing Craft Skills in Textiles (Int 1)	1
D272 10	*Fashion and Clothing Industry: An Introduction (Int 1)	0.5
D491 10	*Organisation of Practical Skills (Int 1)	0.5

Component unit of Media Literacy course:

D0YM 12	Media Studies: Fashion (H)	1
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Free-standing National Unit:

D0JB 11	Fashion Merchandising (Int 2) [63123]	1
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Health and Fitness/ Health and Safety

Component units of Care course:

D055 10	†Accident and Emergency Procedures (Int 1)	1
D8XW 10	†Understanding Health (Int 1)	1

Component units of Fitness and Exercise courses:

D0VG 12	*Planning Personal Fitness (H) [5170015]	1
D0VF 11	*Personal Well-being and Exercise (Int 2) [5170005]	1

Free-standing National Unit:

D0MN 10	Health Choices 2 (Int 1) [81227]	1
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Modern Languages other than English/Gàidhlig

Courses:

C059 10	French (Int 1)	4
C084 10	Gaelic (Learners): Listening and Talking (Int 1) ^{1,2}	4
C085 10	Gaelic (Learners): Reading and Writing (Int 1) ^{1,2}	4
C060 10	German (Int 1)	4
C061 10	Italian (Int 1)	4
C062 10	Russian (Int 1)	4
C063 10	Spanish (Int 1)	4

Any component units of any modern languages course at Intermediate 1

Any free-standing National Units in modern languages at Intermediate 1

¹See Rules for credit contribution

²Candidates can choose either C084 10 or C085 10, not both

Personal and Social Education

Free-standing National Units:

D364 11	*Personal Awareness and Development (Int 2)	1
D365 11	*Social Awareness and Development (Int 2)	1
D366 11	*Vocational Awareness and Development (Int 2)	1

Course/unit no	Course/unit title	Credits
Psychology		
Component units of Psychology course:		
DF5K 10	*Psychology: Understanding the Individual (Int 1)	1
DF5L 10	*Psychology: Investigating Behaviour (Int 1)	1
D5FM 10	*Psychology: The Individual in the Social Context (Int 1)	1
Retail and Customer Service		
Component unit of Home Economics – Lifestyle Consumer Technology course:		
D501 11	*Consumer Studies (Int 2)	1
Free-standing National Units:		
D04G 10	Basic Customer Service Skills (Int 1)	0.5
D0SK 11	Basic Retail Skills (Int 2) [5120077]	1
D0SN 10	Introduction to Display (Int 1) [5120117]	1
D0ST 11	Stock Control (Int 2) [5120257]	1
Science		
Course:		
C007 11	Biology (Int 2)	4
Component units of course:		
D028 11	*Animal Physiology (Int 2)	1
D027 11	*Environmental Biology and Genetics (Int 2)	1
D026 11	*Living Cells (Int 2)	1
Component units of Chemistry courses:		
D068 11	*Acids, Bases and Metals (Int 2)	1
D065 10	*Chemistry and Life (Int 1)	1
Component unit of Biology course:		
D023 10	*Health and Technology (Int 1)	1
Component unit of Physics course:		
D374 10	*Practical Electricity (Int 1)	0.5
Free-standing National Units:		
D0RE 10	Introducing Science Investigation Skills (Int 1)	0.5
D0RD 11	Science in Context 1 (Int 2)	1
D942 10	Science Practical Skills (Int 1)	0.5
D13F 10	The Human Body (Int 1)	1
Work Experience		
Free-standing National Unit:		
D36H 10	Work Experience (Int 1)	1

Course/unit no	Course/unit title	Credits
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Core Skills

Free-standing National Units:

D01B 10	Communication (Int 1)	1
D01D 10	Information Technology (Int 1)	1
D01C 10	Numeracy (Int 1)	1
D01F 10	Working with Others (Int 1)	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 1
Numeracy	Intermediate 1
Information Technology	Intermediate 1
Problem Solving	Intermediate 1
Working with Others	Intermediate 1

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 and Mathematics at General Level is given automatic certification of Communication and Numeracy at Intermediate 1
- by selecting from the group award units and courses which give automatic certification of core skills, eg the Intermediate 2 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 Problem Solving at Intermediate 1, a candidate whose profile shows Critical Thinking and Planning and Organising at Intermediate 1 and Reviewing and Evaluating at Access 3 would not meet the requirement and would have to improve in Reviewing and Evaluating.

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

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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 (Int 2) can be counted instead of Work Experience (Int 1).

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:

C212 10	Psychology (Int 1)
C212 11	Psychology (Int 2)
C212 12	Psychology (H)

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, Psychology (Int 2) can be counted instead of Psychology (Int 1).

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

SVQs

F

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 2 contribute credits at Intermediate 2.

SVQs at Level 1 contribute credits at Intermediate 1.

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

Code no	Relevant SVQs	Level
007 Providing Goods and Services		
G60M 22	Beauty Therapy	2
G3CE 22	Hairdressing	2
G2XD 21	Hairdressing	1

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