

Draft National Unit Specification



Unit title: Engineering Project Management (Advanced Higher)

SCQF: level 7 (8 SCQF credit points)

Unit code: to be advised

Unit outline

The general aim of this Unit is to develop knowledge and skills of project management as it applies to an engineering project. Learners will investigate an industrial engineering project, and consider its environmental, social and ethical impact. Learners will select an appropriately challenging engineering problem, carry out research in relation to the problem, and develop a proposal for a solution to the problem. The proposed solution may be carried forward, implemented and evaluated within the Course assessment project.

Learners who complete this Unit will be able to:

- 1 Investigate a real-world engineering project
- 2 Develop a design proposal and plan to solve a challenging engineering problem

This Unit is a mandatory Unit of the Advanced Higher Engineering Science Course and is also available as a free-standing Unit. The Unit Specification should be read in conjunction with the *Unit Support Notes*, which provide advice and guidance on delivery, assessment approaches and development of skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work. Exemplification of the standards in this Unit is given in the *National Assessment Resource*.

The *Course Assessment Specification* for the Advanced Higher Engineering Science Course gives further mandatory information on Course coverage for learners taking this Unit as part of the Advanced Higher Engineering Science Course.

Recommended entry

Entry to this Unit is at the discretion of the centre. However, learners would normally be expected to have attained the skills, knowledge and understanding required by one or more of the following or equivalent qualifications and/or experience:

- ◆ Engineering Contexts and Challenges (Higher) Unit
- ◆ Higher Engineering Science Course

Equality and inclusion

This Unit Specification has been designed to ensure that there are no unnecessary barriers to learning or assessment. The individual needs of learners should be taken into account when planning learning experiences, selecting assessment methods or considering alternative evidence. For further information, please refer to the *Unit Support Notes*.

Standards

Outcomes and assessment standards

Outcome 1

The learner will:

- 1 Investigate a real-world engineering project by:**
 - 1.1 Selecting a contemporary, innovative, real-world engineering project
 - 1.2 Reporting on how the project has developed and is managed
 - 1.3 Reporting on any environmental, social and ethical impacts of the project

Outcome 2

The learner will:

- 2 Develop a design proposal and plan to solve a challenging engineering problem by:**
 - 2.1 Selecting a suitably challenging engineering problem
 - 2.2 Carrying out research to produce a design proposal to solve the problem
 - 2.3 Producing a project plan for implementing the proposal

Evidence Requirements for the Unit

Assessors should use their professional judgement, subject knowledge and experience, and understanding of their learners, to determine the most appropriate ways to generate evidence and the conditions and contexts in which they are used.

Evidence of Outcome 1 should be a report on the chosen real-world engineering project.

Evidence of Outcome 2 should be a project plan, and a design proposal in an appropriate format. The research findings should include aspects of engineering not covered in the 'Further mandatory information on Course coverage' section of the *Course Assessment Specification* for the Higher or Advanced Higher Engineering Science Courses.

Exemplification of assessment is provided in the *National Assessment Resource*. Advice and guidance on possible approaches to assessment is provided in the *Unit Support Notes*.

Development of skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work

It is expected that learners will develop broad, generic skills through this Unit. The skills that learners will be expected to improve on and develop through the Unit are based on SQA's *Skills Framework: Skills for Learning, Skills for Life and Skills for Work* and drawn from the main skills areas listed below. These must be built into the Unit where there are appropriate opportunities.

2 Numeracy

- 2.1 Number processes
- 2.3 Information handling

3 Health and wellbeing

- 3.1 Personal learning

4 Employability, enterprise and citizenship

- 4.2 Information and communication technology (ICT)

5 Thinking skills

- 5.3 Applying
- 5.4 Analysing and evaluating

Amplification of these is given in SQA's *Skills Framework: Skills for Learning, Skills for Life and Skills for Work*. The level of these skills should be at the same SCQF level as the Unit and be consistent with the SCQF level descriptor. Further information on building in skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work is given in the *Unit Support Notes*.

Administrative information



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History of changes

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