

# Draft National Unit Specification



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**Unit title:** Gaelic (Learners): Using Language (Advanced Higher)

**SCQF:** level 7 (8 SCQF credit points)

**Unit code:** to be advised

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## Unit outline

The purpose of this Unit is to provide learners with the opportunity to develop their understanding of cultural and topical issues in the contexts of society, learning, employability, and culture. Learners develop the skills needed to use Gaelic in a wide range of contexts by further developing their talking and writing skills, as well as offering opportunities to compare and contrast issues and to increase their language proficiency.

Learners who complete this Unit will be able to:

- 1 Use complex spoken Gaelic
- 2 Use complex written Gaelic

This Unit is a mandatory Unit of the Advanced Higher Gaelic (Learners) 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 Gaelic (Learners) Course gives further mandatory information on Course coverage for learners taking this Unit as part of the Advanced Higher Gaelic (Learners) 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:

- ◆ Higher Gaelic (Learners) 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 Use complex spoken Gaelic by:

- 1.1 Using relevant ideas and content
- 1.2 Sustaining discussion, using a range of vocabulary, variety of structures and flexibility of expression
- 1.3 Conveying meaning and communicating facts and opinions to a Gaelic speaker with clarity and accuracy
- 1.4 Applying grammatical knowledge and understanding

### Outcome 2

The learner will:

#### 2 Use complex written Gaelic by:

- 2.1 Presenting and supporting a personal point of view or stance with appropriate structure and content
- 2.2 Presenting alternative viewpoint(s) or stance(s) and offering counter-argument(s)
- 2.3 Employing appropriate language with sufficient clarity to communicate effectively with a Gaelic speaker
- 2.4 Communicating effectively, with accurate use of language

## 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.

Learners will be required to provide evidence of their talking and writing skills in Gaelic by using complex language in one of the following contexts: society, learning, employability, or culture.

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.

### **4 Employability, enterprise and citizenship**

4.6 Citizenship

### **5 Thinking skills**

5.3 Applying

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

Version	Description of change	Authorised by	Date

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