

Draft National Unit Specification



Unit title: Administrative Practices (National 5)

SCQF: level 5 (6 SCQF credit points)

Unit code: to be advised

Unit outline

The general aim of this Unit is to give learners a broad introduction to administration in the workplace and to enable them to carry out a range of administrative tasks in the context of organising and supporting events (which may include meetings).

Learners who complete this Unit will be able to:

- 1 Provide an account of the role of administration in the workplace
- 2 Carry out administrative tasks in the context of organising and supporting events

This Unit is a mandatory Unit of the Administration and IT (National 5) Course and is also available as a free-standing Unit. The Unit Specification should be read in conjunction with the *Unit Support Notes*, which provides 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*.

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:

- ◆ Administration and IT (National 4) Course or relevant component Units
- ◆ Business (National 4) Course or relevant component Units

In terms of prior learning and experience, relevant experiences and outcomes may also provide an appropriate basis for doing this Unit. Further information on relevant experiences and outcomes will be given in the *Unit Support Notes*.

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 Provide an account of the role of administration in the workplace by:**
 - 1.1 Describing the duties, skills and qualities of an administrative assistant
 - 1.2 Describing the key features of good customer care in the context of administration and explaining its benefits to organisations
 - 1.3 Describing the key personal and organisational responsibilities in terms of health and safety and the security of people, property and information

Outcome 2

The learner will:

- 2 Carry out administrative tasks in the context of organising and supporting events by:**
 - 2.1 Carrying out a limited range of planning tasks appropriate to an event, taking account of the budget available
 - 2.2 Organising a limited range of resources appropriate to an event, taking account of the need to use these resources efficiently
 - 2.3 Preparing a limited range of documents to support an event
 - 2.4 Carrying out a limited range of follow-up activities appropriate to an event
 - 2.5 Carrying out a self-evaluation in terms of the effectiveness of the undertaken tasks and the efficiency in the use of resources

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 for this Unit will cover both underpinning knowledge and practice. Assessment of both Outcomes may be either undertaken separately or integrated into a holistic activity. If the latter approach is used, it must be clear how the assessment evidence covers each Outcome.

In Assessment Standard 1.3, the personal and organisational responsibilities will be those detailed in the current legislation and covered by internal workplace procedures:

- ◆ health and safety (Health and Safety at Work Act, organisations' own Health and Safety policy statements; aspects covered include fire, VDUs, first aid, own work area)
- ◆ the security of people, property and information (Data Protection Act, organisations' own security measures)

Outcome 2 will enable learners to develop many of the skills and techniques involved in organising and supporting events. Learners need not be limited to one event because the relevant skills and techniques can be developed in the context of different ones.

An indicative list of events, which may include meetings, is provided in the *Unit Support Notes*.

In Assessment Standard 2.3, learners will prepare documents by using standard templates utilising the functions of spreadsheets, databases, word processing, presentation software and/or desktop publishing (or emerging equivalent technologies)

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

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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.

1 Literacy

1.3 Listening and talking

2 Numeracy

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2.1 Number processes

4 Employability, enterprise and citizenship

4.1 Employability

4.2 Information and communication technology (ICT)

5 Thinking skills

5.1 Remembering

5.2 Understanding

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 of 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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