



Design and Manufacture and Design and Technology: Understanding the next steps for session 2016–17

Early in 2016, each subject area was reviewed and the results published in individual [Subject Review Reports](#) in May. Some actions applied immediately for candidates in session 2016–17, other actions were for later years.

This Guidance note explains the impact on assessment for candidates being presented in session 2016–17 and must be read in conjunction with the Subject Review Report as the principal guide to arrangements for this year.

(Previously published subject documents affected by the subject changes will be amended in due course. There may be a period of misalignment.)

Session 2016–17

Unit assessment

- ◆ Revised Unit Specifications at National 4 and 5 were implemented in session 2015–16. These revised Unit Specifications have significantly fewer Assessment Standards than originally published; therefore no further revision is required.
- ◆ Revised Unit Specifications at Higher were published in April 2016 for implementation in session 2016–17. These revised Unit Specifications reduce the number of Assessment Standards from 26 to 15, therefore no further revision is required. This will be accompanied by an Understanding Standards event and revised Unit assessment support packs.
- ◆ We will apply a threshold to the number of Assessment Standards that all candidates must meet to achieve each Unit, at each level.

Design and Technology

National 3

- ◆ *Graphics for Design* — the threshold for this Unit will be 6 out of 8 Assessment Standards.
- ◆ *Designing and Modelling* — the threshold for this Unit will be 5 out of 7 Assessment Standards.
- ◆ *Constructing and Testing* — the threshold for this Unit will be 4 out of 5 Assessment Standards.

Design and Manufacture

National 4

- ◆ *Design and Manufacture: Design* — the threshold for this Unit will be 5 out of 7 Assessment Standards.
- ◆ *Design and Manufacture: Materials and Manufacturing* — the threshold for this Unit will be 8 out of 11 Assessment Standards.
- ◆ For the Added Value Unit, we will publish a mark scheme to allow for the allocation of marks and the application of a cut-off score. This will aid progression and fallback between National 4 and National 5. This will be accompanied by an Understanding Standards event and revised Unit assessment support packs.

National 5

- ◆ *Design and Manufacture: Design* — the threshold for this Unit will be 5 out of 7 Assessment Standards.
- ◆ *Design and Manufacture: Materials and Manufacturing* — the threshold for this Unit will be 8 out of 11 Assessment Standards.

Higher

- ◆ *Design and Manufacture: Design* — the threshold for this Unit will be 6 out of 8 Assessment Standards.
- ◆ *Design and Manufacture: Materials and Manufacturing* — the threshold for this Unit will be 5 out of 7 Assessment Standards.

Advanced Higher

- ◆ *Design and Manufacture: Product Analysis* — the threshold for this Unit will be 4 out of 6 Assessment Standards.
- ◆ *Design and Manufacture: Product Development* — the threshold for this Unit will be 4 out of 6 Assessment Standards.
- ◆ *Design and Manufacture: Product Evolution* — the threshold for this Unit will be 3 out of 4 Assessment Standards.

It should be noted that there will still be the requirement for candidates to be given the opportunity to meet all Assessment Standards. The above threshold has been put in place to reduce the volume of re-assessment, where that is required.

National 4 Design and Manufacture

The revised Added Value Unit assessment support packs were published on our secure site in August 2016. A list of the changes is available on the Notification of changes web page: www.sqa.org.uk/nqsubjectchanges

Higher Design and Manufacture

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Understanding Standards packs

Existing Understanding Standards packs should be used with reference to your Review Report action plan for National 4, 5 and Advanced Higher levels.

Replacement Understanding Standards packs for Higher will be published in due course.