



Fashion and Textile 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

National 4

- ◆ For the Textile Technologies Unit, all Assessment Standards are mandatory and must be successfully completed.
- ◆ For the Fashion/Textile Item Development Unit, the Assessment Standards will be reviewed to ensure clarity and guidance will be provided for implementation in 2016–17.
- ◆ For the Fashion and Textile Choices Unit, the Assessment Standards will be reviewed for implementation in 2016–17. Following the review, Outcome 2 has been removed, to reduce the assessment burden, allowing candidates the opportunity to focus on the development of practical skills.

National 5

- ◆ For the Textile Technologies Unit, all Assessment Standards are mandatory and must be successfully completed.
- ◆ For the Fashion/Textile Item Development Unit, the Assessment Standards will be reviewed to ensure clarity and guidance will be provided for implementation in 2016–17.
- ◆ For the Fashion and Textile Choices Unit, the Assessment Standards will be reviewed for implementation in 2016–17. Following the review, Outcome 2 has been removed, to reduce the assessment burden, allowing candidates the opportunity to focus on the development of practical skills.

Higher

- ◆ For the Textile Technologies Unit, all Assessment Standards are mandatory and must be successfully completed.
- ◆ For the Fashion/Textile Item Development Unit, for Assessment Standard 2.1, evidence is not required if a candidate is being re-assessed.
- ◆ For the Fashion and Textile Choices Unit, all Assessment Standards are mandatory and must be successfully completed.

Revised Unit assessment support packs will be published on our secure site and revised Unit Specifications will be published on our open site at the end of August 2016.

A list of the changes is available on the Notification of changes web page:
www.sqa.org.uk/nqsubjectchanges

Course assessment

- ◆ Consideration will be given to using the same project brief for both National 5 and Higher levels for implementation in 2016–17.

The same Project brief will be used for both National 5 and Higher Coursework. The Coursework Assessment Task will be published by the end of September 2016. The Course Assessment Specification will detail the evidence required for each level.