



Instructions for National 5 and Higher Art and Design portfolio submission

For the course assessment at National 5 and Higher, candidates are required to submit a design portfolio and an expressive portfolio; both of which should include an evaluation. SQA has produced an evaluation template for candidates to complete and submit with their portfolios and candidates have the option of using this template in session 2016–17.

From session 2017–18 onwards, candidates will be required to use the evaluation template when completing and submitting their portfolios.

Reasons for this change

Many National 5 and Higher candidates have been submitting lengthy evaluations which include narrative descriptions of their work and the decisions that they took. However, marks are not awarded for this information; marks are only awarded for evaluative points that relate directly to the published marking instructions.

To focus candidate responses, we have produced a template which gives instructions to candidates and provides a limited space for them to type their evaluation. This will encourage candidates to spend a proportionate amount of time on the evaluation, allowing them more time to work on their practical pieces.

Instructions for teachers, lecturers and candidates

Teachers, lecturers and candidates can download copies of the template as required. We recommend that candidates type directly onto the template; however they can also copy and paste their text from another file. The template has a straightforward format and is set up with a common font style and size.

When candidates have completed their evaluations, they should print out the completed templates and attach each one to the top sheet of the relevant portfolio, taking care that it is not covering any art or design work.