



# National 4 to Advanced Higher Mathematics: 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.

# Session 2016–17

## Unit assessment

### National 4

- ◆ Introduce a cut-off score for each Unit (60% pass threshold) incorporating operational and reasoning skills.

### National 5

- ◆ Introduce a cut-off score for each Unit (60% pass threshold) incorporating operational and reasoning skills.
- ◆ Remove the *Numeracy* bridging Unit assessment support pack. If a candidate passes all three Units of the National 5 Mathematics Course, this will also allow them to achieve the National 5 Numeracy Unit — they do not need to use the bridging pack.

The National 5 Numeracy bridging Unit assessment support pack has been removed from our secure site. Candidates who have passed all three Units of the National 5 Mathematics Course remain eligible to achieve the National 5 Numeracy Unit. Centres should enter these candidates for the National 5 Numeracy Unit in the normal way and submit a Pass result.

### Higher

- ◆ Introduce a cut-off score for each Unit (60% pass threshold) incorporating operational and reasoning skills.

### Advanced Higher

- ◆ Introduce a cut-off score for each Unit (60% pass threshold).

Some Unit assessment support packs have been revised in August to reflect the new Unit threshold and cut-off score. A full list of the available packs and description of the changes can be found on our Notification of changes web page: [www.sqa.org.uk/nqsubjectchanges](http://www.sqa.org.uk/nqsubjectchanges)

Please check this list and ensure you are using the latest versions dated August 2016.

Existing Understanding Standards packs will be reviewed and updated in due course.