

## People and Society



This update contains information relevant to your subject and details of the support available to you.

We also publish updates on the new National Courses in the 'Updates and Announcements' section of the relevant **subject pages**. I would encourage you to make regular use of our subject pages, where you will find support documents, answers to common questions, and links to other areas of interest. You can also sign up for 'My Alerts', SQA's e-mail update service, that notifies you whenever content you are interested in is added or updated on SQA's website. Visit **[www.sqa.org.uk/myalerts](http://www.sqa.org.uk/myalerts)** to register.

I hope you find the following update helpful, and please contact me if you have any questions.

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## The Qualifications Team

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## Documents and assessment support materials

It is important that you read the full suite of documents for your Course, as well as those relating to assessment. Further information on documents and assessment support materials can be found at [www.sqa.org.uk/supportdocuments](http://www.sqa.org.uk/supportdocuments)

### Updates to documents

#### National 4: Added Value Unit

During Round 1 of verification it became clear that the advice in the Unit assessment support pack for the National 4 Added Value Unit in relation to Assessment Standard 1.5 goes beyond the standard required. The suggested responses in Column 4 of the Judging the Evidence table include reasons for the decisions or contrast/comparison being made. While the decision or contrast/comparison being made should relate to the evidence that the candidate has gathered, Assessment Standard 1.5 does not require the candidate to provide an explanation. The Unit assessment support pack will be updated to remove reasons from the suggested responses.

## Support and guidance

The People and Society key messages report from [Round 1 of verification](#) is now available on SQA's website.

## Looking ahead to 2015/16

### Understanding Standards

In June 2015, we will publish Understanding Standards packs which will contain candidate evidence and commentaries for Unit assessment.

The Understanding Standards programme will continue throughout session 2015/16, and will include Nominee training events and an Understanding Standards event for People and Society (National 3 and 4). Relevant Understanding Standards packs and prior verified assessments will be reviewed in due course.

For more information on Understanding Standards, visit [www.sqa.org.uk/understandingstandards](http://www.sqa.org.uk/understandingstandards)

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## Use of National 4 Added Value Units

From August 2015 onwards, you will have the option of developing your own National 4 Added Value Unit assessments for use with candidates. Please note that this is not a requirement and you can continue to use SQA-produced Added Value Unit assessments until further notice. Most SQA-produced Added Value Unit assessments already allow considerable flexibility in the choice of a context for the assessment, while some provide a context that you can change.

Further information can be found at [www.sqa.org.uk/unitassessment](http://www.sqa.org.uk/unitassessment)

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