

Design and Manufacture



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 to register.

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

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Documents and assessment support materials

Assessment support materials are now available for the new National 1 to Advanced Higher Qualifications, marking a significant milestone. 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

Updates to documents

Advanced Higher documents

We are making planned updates to Advanced Higher documents. This follows the publication of Advanced Higher Specimen Question Papers, Coursework information and Unit assessment support packs. The updated Advanced Higher **Unit Specifications, Course Specifications** and **Course Assessment Specifications** are available now.

We will also update the Advanced Higher **Course and Unit Support Notes**, and finalise all packages of Advanced Higher **Unit assessment support** by the end of May 2015.

Further details of changes to Advanced Higher documents are outlined in the [January 2015 subject update](#). The Notification of Changes spreadsheets have been updated to reflect the latest changes to documents. You can view these spreadsheets at www.sqa.org.uk/cfesubjectchanges

National 3 to Higher documents

We have updated some published documents.

Following feedback from centres and evidence from verification events in Diet 2014, we have carried out a review of the Assessment Standards in both Units of National 4 and 5 (Design and Manufacture: Design H22T 74/75 and Design and Manufacture: Materials and Manufacturing H22V 74/75).

The number of Outcomes and Assessment Standards have been rationalised and reduced, and have been re-written to clarify the assessment requirements for candidates and centres.

Updated **Unit Specifications** are available now. Although they look very different to those originally published, there has been no change to the Course content, and therefore, centres will be able to continue to use their current teaching materials and assessment tasks. To

continue to support centres, updated Unit assessment support packs will be published by the end of August 2015. Relevant Understanding Standards packs will be reviewed in due course.

A statement has been added to the National 5 Course Assessment Specification clarifying that the Course assessment will require learners to draw on and apply knowledge on any of the concepts listed in the mandatory content tables. This brings it into line with the Higher Course Assessment Specification.

Updated **Course Specifications** are available now for National 4 and 5 Design and Manufacture, and an updated **Course Assessment Specification** for National 5 and these are accompanied by comparison documents. The comparison documents clearly illustrate what changes have been made and will help you to quickly and easily identify the updates. Comparison documents are available from the [subject pages](#) and sit alongside the 'clean' versions of the updated documents.

Where required, Course and Unit Support Notes will be updated to correspond with these changes. Updated Course and Unit Support Notes will be published by the end of May 2015. The Notification of Changes spreadsheets have been updated to reflect the latest changes to documents. You can view these spreadsheets at www.sqa.org.uk/cfesubjectchanges

Support and guidance

Understanding Standards events to support the above changes to the Design and Manufacture Unit Specifications will be held in early autumn 2015.

Looking ahead to 2015/16

Understanding Standards

In June 2015, we will publish further Understanding Standards packs for National 1 to Higher, which will contain candidate evidence and commentaries for Unit assessment and internally assessed components of Course assessment.

The Understanding Standards programme will continue throughout session 2015/16, and will include Nominee training events, Understanding Standards events for National 5 and Higher, and Understanding Standards packs.

Nominee training events for Design and Manufacture will take place on the following dates:

- 1 October 2015

Understanding Standards events for Higher Design and Manufacture will take place on the following dates:

- early 2016
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For more information on Understanding Standards, visit
www.sqa.org.uk/understandingstandards

Continuing Professional Development support

We will continue to offer subject-specific CPD support for new National Courses, where particular areas of concern are identified that are not already addressed by the Understanding Standards programme.

From August 2015, we will also offer subject-specific CPD support to assist teachers and lecturers with the implementation of the new Advanced Higher Courses.

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

Advanced Higher Exemplar Question Papers

In December 2015, we will publish Exemplar Question Papers for all new Advanced Higher Courses that include a question paper as part of the Course assessment.

Further information on Exemplar Question Papers, and other available assessment support materials, can be found at www.sqa.org.uk/supportdocuments

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