

**Scottish Group Award Specifications**

<b>SGA in:</b>	<b>Care: Health Care</b>		
<b>Level:</b>	<b>Higher</b>	<b>Code:</b>	<b>G5A3 12</b>



## Summary of requirements

### SGA in Care: Health Care at Higher

#### National Courses and Units required\*

*1 mandatory National Course (4 credits) at Higher:  
Care*

*Details in specific section*

**plus**

*2 National Courses (8 credits) at Higher from:  
Care Practice  
Chemistry  
Human Biology  
Mental Health Care  
Physics  
Psychology*

*Details in specific section*

**plus**

*1 mandatory National Unit (1 credit):  
First Aid Measures (H)*

*Details in specific section*

**plus**

*7 credits at minimum of Intermediate 2*

*Details in specific section*

**Total 20 credits**

#### Core skills required\*

*The above must include or cover:  
2 core skills at Higher  
3 core skills at Intermediate 2*

*Details in specific section*

\*See Important Note on page 4.

## Rules for credit contribution

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- Core Skills at levels above those specified
- more National Courses and Units at Higher instead of the credits at Intermediate 2
- National Course grades, eg grade A or B instead of grade C
- more than the required three National Courses, in which case each additional course completed counts as four credits

### Hierarchies

- courses and units can be substituted by those with the same title at a higher level, eg Numeracy (Int 2) can be substituted by Numeracy (H) (See Section C)

### Double counting

- courses and units with the same title at different levels cannot both contribute credits to the SGA, eg **either** Physics (Int 2) **or** Physics (H)
- courses at the same level in the same subject cannot both contribute credits to the SGA, eg **either** the National Course in Chemistry at Higher or SCE Higher Grade Chemistry (See Sections D and E)
- same course achieved with different grades cannot both contribute credits to the SGA, eg **either** Higher Human Biology at grade A **or** Higher Human Biology at grade C

### National Course awards at Grade D

National Course awards at Grade D can contribute to the SGA in the following ways:

- in place of the specified mandatory Higher Courses, a grade D at Advanced Higher in a Course of the same title can contribute 4 credits to the SGA
- in place of Intermediate 2 Biology, a grade D in Higher Human Biology can contribute 4 credits to the SGA
- in place of the specified optional Intermediate 2 Courses, a grade D at Higher (or above) in a Course of the same title can contribute 4 credits to the SGA.

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## Specific section

A

This section specifies: mandatory courses, mandatory units, mandatory combinations of courses and/or units, mandatory core skill requirements and optional courses and units.

\*Mandatory unit of a course. †Optional unit of a course. All other units are free-standing National Units.  
[ ]Bracketed numbers indicate the former coding for these unrevised National Units.

Course/unit no	Course/unit title	Credits
<b>One mandatory National Course:</b>		
C011 12	Care (H)	4
<b>plus two National courses from:</b>		
C01F 12	Care Practice (H)	4
C012 12	Chemistry (H)	4
C009 12	Human Biology (H)	4
C06G 12	Mental Health Care (H)	4
C069 12	Physics (H)	4
C212 12	Psychology (H)	4
<b>plus one mandatory National Unit:</b>		
D11E 12	First Aid Measures (H) [7140226]	1

**Total credits required: 13**

**plus any combination of courses, component units and free-standing units to gain seven credits (at minimum Int 2) from the above courses (not already chosen) and/or from:**

Component units of Care Issues for Society course:

D11H 11	Mental Health Issues: An Introduction (Int 2)	1
D665 11	Understanding the Needs of the Older Person (Int 2)	1

Component units of Health and Safety in Care Settings course:

D667 11	Prevention of Infection (Int 2)	1
D10S 11	Promoting Healthy Eating in a Care Setting (Int 2) [7140076]	1
D668 11	Safety in the Care Environment	1

Course:

C007 11	Biology (Int 2)	4
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Component units of course:

D028 11	Animal Physiology (Int 2)	1
D027 11	Environmental Biology and Genetics (Int 2)	1
D026 11	Living Cells (Int 2)	1

Component unit of Sociology course:

D432 12	Studying Human Society: The Sociological Approach (H)	1
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Course/unit no	Course/unit title	Credits
Free-standing National Units:		
D0KJ 12	Dental Radiography (H) [69166]	1
D0KF 12	Dental Surgery Assistant: Skills 2 (H) [69162]	1
D0KG 12	Dental Surgery Assistant: Skills 3 (H) [69163]	1
D13N 12	Genetics (H) [7311041]	0.5
EC0A12	Community Care in Scotland (H) [7141443]	1
D0KE 11	Dental Surgery Assistant: Skills 1 (Int 2) [69161]	1
D11G 11	Enabling Others to Cope with Loss: An Introduction (Int 2) [7141401]	0.5
D13G 11	Introducing Reproduction and Inheritance (Int 2) [7310143]	0.5
D11F 11	Introduction to Budgeting and Finance for Care (Int 2) [7141351]	0.5
D01D 11	Information Technology (Int 2)	1
D01C 11	Numeracy (Int 2)	1
D0KH 12	Preventive Dentistry (H) [69165]	1
D01E 11	Problem Solving (Int 2)	1
D36H 12	Work Experience (H)	1
D01F 12	Working with Others (H)	1
D11J 12	Working towards Independent Living (H) [7141433]	1

One unit from:

D10M 12	HIV Infection, Related Illnesses and Hepatitis B (H) [7140004] <b>or</b>	1
D10N 11	HIV and Hepatitis B: An Introduction (Int 2) [7140014]	0.5

Communication

EE3T 12	Communication (NC) (H) <b>or</b>	2
D01B 12	Communication (H)	1

Specific SVQs can contribute credits to this SGA. (See Section F)

**Total credits required: 7**

**20 credits**

**\*\* Core skills requirement**

Communication at Higher  
 Numeracy at Intermediate 2  
 Information Technology at Intermediate 2  
 Problem Solving at Intermediate 2  
 Working with Others at Higher

\*\* See Section B for core skills details.

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## Core skills

B

To achieve this SGA, all candidates **must achieve** the following core skills:

Core skill	Level
Communication	Higher
Numeracy	Intermediate 2
Information Technology	Intermediate 2
Problem Solving	Intermediate 2
Working with Others	Higher

One or more core skills units in this SGA may be automatically certificated through mandatory courses and units. Where this is the case, the corresponding core skill unit in this section cannot be counted towards the SGA.

Candidates can achieve core skills:

- through Standard Grades or other units which give automatic certification of core skills, eg a candidate who has completed Standard Grade English at Credit Level is given automatic certification of Communication at Intermediate 2
- by selecting from the group award units and courses which give automatic certification of core skills, eg the unit Working as a Team in a Care Setting (H) gives automatic certification of Working with Others at Higher
- by doing dedicated core skills units – these units can contribute credits to the SGA and should be achieved through integration with appropriate subject specialist units. However, if the candidate wishes, the unit credits need not contribute to the SGA.

Candidates' current level of achievement in core skills is shown on the Scottish Qualifications Certificate in the form of a profile. This shows achievement against each of the core skills *components*. Where a core skill has more than one component, the candidate needs to achieve each component at the level specified for the SGA. For example, if an SGA requires Problem Solving at Intermediate 2, a candidate whose profile shows Critical Thinking and Planning and Organising at Intermediate 2 and Reviewing and Evaluating at Intermediate 1 would not meet the requirement and would have to improve in Reviewing and Evaluating.

Details of all courses which give automatic certification of core skills is published in the *Catalogue of Core Skills in National Qualifications* (SQA, 2001/2002).



# Hierarchical sequences

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The SQA numbering system for qualifications consists of a 4 + 2 reference code.

The qualifications in a hierarchical sequence have the same title and are available at more than one level. They are identified by their reference code having the same first four digits, eg DF5M in the example below. The last two digits are unique to each level of qualification, eg 12 equates to Higher, 11 equates to Intermediate 2.

## Units

The following is an example of a hierarchical sequence of units:

DF5M 10	Psychology: The Individual in the Social Context (Int 1)
DF5M 11	Psychology: The Individual in the Social Context (Int 2)
DF5M 12	Psychology: The Individual in the Social Context (H)

Where units which are part of hierarchical sequences are specified, candidates who achieve a unit at a higher level than the one specified can use the upper level unit to count as credit towards the group award. For example, Psychology: The Individual in the Social Context (H) can be counted instead of Psychology: The Individual in the Social Context (Int 2).

Candidates can only use one of these units to count as credit towards the group award.

In the case of unrevised National Certificate Modules, ie units which retain their original number, there are hierarchies where the title is the same and the number is different. Details of these exceptions will be published in a separate document. The pattern for these hierarchies is the same as that previously established for GSVQs.

There are also some hierarchies where the titles and numbers of the units at different levels are different. In this specification, if there are two units at different levels with heavily overlapping content, only one of these units should be used to count as credit towards the group award. Details of these exceptions will be published in a separate document.

## Courses

The following is an example of a hierarchical sequence of courses:

C007 10	Biology (Int 1)
C007 11	Biology (Int 2)
C007 12	Biology (H)
C007 13	Biology (AH)

In the SGA specification, where courses which belong to hierarchical sequences are specified, candidates who achieve a course at a higher level than the one specified can use the upper level course to count as credit towards the group award. For example, Biology (H) can be counted instead of Biology (Int 2).

Candidates can only use one of these courses to count as credit towards the group award - a maximum of 4 credits.



## Standard Grades

D

Designated Standard Grades at Credit Level can each contribute 4 credits to the SGA in place of corresponding National Courses.

The designated Standard Grade and its corresponding National Course, either of which can contribute to this SGA, is as follows:

**Standard Grade\***

**National Course**

Biology at Credit Level

Biology (Int 2)

\* If achieved prior to 1994 please contact SQA Helpdesk ☎ 0141 242 2214.



## SCE Highers

E

Designated SCE Highers can contribute 4 credits each to the SGA in place of National Courses.

The designated SCE Highers and their corresponding National Courses, either of which can contribute to this SGA, are as follows:

### **SCE Higher Grade\***

Chemistry  
Human Biology  
Physics

### **National Course**

Chemistry (H)  
Human Biology (H)  
Physics (H)

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\*SCE Highers do not give automatic certification of core skills. Further information will be published about this in due course.



## SVQs

F

Specific Scottish Vocational Qualifications (SVQs) at the appropriate level can each contribute up to eight credits to an SGA.

SVQs at Level 3 contribute credits at Higher.

SVQs at Level 2 contribute credits at Intermediate 2.

In this particular SGA the following SVQs can each contribute a maximum of seven credits.

Code no	Specific SVQs	Level
008 Providing Health, Social and Protective Services		
G45P 23	Care	3
G45R 23	Care	3
G3HT 22	Care	2
G3HV 22	Care	2
G6H3 23	Caring for Children and Young People	3
G44V 23	Diagnostic and Therapeutic Support	3
G44T 23	Dialysis Support	3
G45V 23	Early Years Care and Education	3
G3HW 22	Early Years Care and Education	2
G44X 23	Health Care Physiological Measurement: Audiology	3
G44Y 23	Health Care Physiological Measurement: Neurophysiology	3
G450 23	Health Care Physiological Measurement: Respiratory	3
G451 23	Health Care Physiological Measurement: Technical Cardiology	3
G6V7 23	Oral Health Care: Dental Nursing	3
G60H 23	Operating Department Practice	3
G6V8 22	Oral Health Care Support	2
G45S 23	Promoting Independence	3
G45T 23	Promoting Independence	3

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