

Care



Welcome to the first edition of the new-look subject update which replaces the letter centres you would have previously received. This complements the regular monthly and weekly SQA communications, with more information relevant to Care.

Please share the contents with colleagues involved in the delivery of NQ Care.

Contacting the team

Should you require further information, the customer services team will be happy to assist.

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Updates to documents

In the **special edition June 2014 update** on the new National Qualifications, SQA explained that it would be making updates to documents containing mandatory information on National 3 to National 5 Courses, along with the associated Unit assessment support packs. The following documents have been revised.

National 5 — C712 75

The National 5 Course assessment task has now been updated. The live task brief is available on SQA's secure site, for use in session 2014–15. Guidance for candidates undertaking the project has also been updated.

Practitioners are encouraged to make themselves familiar with the latest versions of the general assessment information document available on SQA's website and the assignment assessment task document on SQA's secure website. Items held on the secure site can be accessed via the centre's SQA Co-ordinator.

New Higher — C712 76

The first briefs for the new Higher Care Course assessment task have now been published. These are available on SQA's secure site.

Some documents containing mandatory information on the new Higher were reviewed and revised in April and May 2014, along with the Higher Unit assessment support packs.

A high-level summary of these updates can be found in the Notification of changes spreadsheet for Higher Health and Wellbeing, on **www.sqa.org.uk/cfesubjectchanges**

Support and guidance

This will be the final year for presentation of the following qualifications:

- ◆ C241 10 Care Intermediate 1 (replaced by National 4)
- ◆ C241 11 Care Intermediate 2 (replaced by National 5)
- ◆ C241 12 Care Higher
- ◆ C01F 12 Care Practice Higher
- ◆ C06G 12 Mental Health Care Higher (replaced by New Higher Care)

The Course assessment submission date is Friday 5 June 2015.

Guidance on performance in external Course assessments and evidence generated for internal assessment is published annually. This includes Course Reports, External Assessment Reports and Verification Key Messages, all of which are available on the relevant subject pages of SQA's website. Internal Assessment Reports will not be published for the new National Courses.

Looking ahead to 2014–15

SQA would like to express gratitude and extend thanks to all those who have undertaken duties in session 2013–14. The work that all the teams carry out is appreciated and SQA looks forward to continuing work with them during session 2014–15.

Recruitment opportunities

SQA is currently in the process of recruiting for a number of vacancies looking to be filled between now and February 2015. Vacancies include new and replacement appointments. For more information, please visit [**CfE — Appointee Vacancies**](#).

SQA Markers

SQA welcomes applications from teachers/lecturers to mark Care assignments at all levels. If teachers or lecturers are interested in becoming a Marker, information and application forms are available on the Appointee Management section of SQA's website.

To become a Marker, a minimum of two years of Care teaching experience is required. The experience of marking helps to increase the awareness of the demands of Course assessment and marking is proven to be excellent professional and personal development. For more information, please visit SQA's [**Marker Information**](#) web page.

Understanding Standards

Throughout session 2014–15, SQA will be publishing a range of Understanding Standards materials for both Unit and Course assessment. These materials will include candidate evidence with commentaries and can be used by centres for training and bench-marking purposes. SQA will also run Understanding Standards events for Unit assessment, for Nominees to share knowledge of Unit assessment with their colleagues. In addition, SQA will run Understanding Standards events for Course assessment for National 5, which will be open to all subject specialists. For more information, please visit the [**Understanding Standards**](#) web page.

Further information will follow in SQA's weekly and monthly centre updates.
