



## 2D Graphic Communication (National 4)

**SCQF:** level 4 (9 SCQF credit points)

**Unit code:** H27V 74

### Unit outline

The general aim of this Unit is to develop the learner's skills and creativity in producing and interpreting 2D graphics. It will enable the learner to initiate, develop and communicate ideas and solutions using graphic techniques in simple and familiar contexts.

Learners will develop skills in both manual and electronic graphic communication techniques. They will acquire knowledge and understanding of terms and techniques in computer aided design and DTP (desktop publishing). They will learn how graphic communication technologies impact on our environment and society. The Unit also develops transferable skills in creativity and problem solving in a graphic communication context.

Learners who complete this Unit will be able to:

- 1 Produce and interpret simple 2D sketches<sup>1</sup> and drawings
- 2 Produce preliminary 2D colour designs and illustrations for single-page promotional displays
- 3 Create simple 2D promotional graphic layouts

This Unit is a mandatory Unit of the National 4 Graphic Communication Course and is also available as a free-standing Unit. The Unit Specification should be read in conjunction with the *Unit Support Notes*, which provide advice and guidance on delivery, assessment approaches and development of skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work. Exemplification of the standards in this Unit is given in the *Unit Assessment Support*.

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<sup>1</sup> Drawing and sketching refers to manual and/or electronic methods unless otherwise stated.

The *Added Value Unit Specification* for the National 4 Graphic Communication Course gives further mandatory information on Course coverage for learners taking this Unit as part of the National 4 Graphic Communication Course.

## **Recommended entry**

Entry to this Unit is at the discretion of the centre. However, learners would normally be expected to have attained the skills, knowledge and understanding required by one or more of the following or equivalent qualifications and/or experience:

- ◆ National 3 Design and Technology Course or relevant component Units

In terms of prior learning and experience, relevant experiences and outcomes may also provide an appropriate basis for doing this Unit.

## **Equality and inclusion**

This Unit Specification has been designed to ensure that there are no unnecessary barriers to learning or assessment. The individual needs of learners should be taken into account when planning learning experiences, selecting assessment methods or considering alternative evidence. For further information, please refer to the *Unit Support Notes*.

# Standards

## Outcomes and assessment standards

### Outcome 1

The learner will:

#### **1 Produce and interpret simple 2D sketches and drawings by:**

- 1.1 Producing well-proportioned orthographic sketches of good line quality of simple everyday objects and/or geometric shapes and forms
- 1.2 Producing orthographic drawings and details of simple everyday objects, buildings, structures and/or geometric shapes and forms to within an accuracy of 2 mm
- 1.3 Extracting information from given drawings to inform new drawing work
- 1.4 Identifying and using appropriate drawing standards, symbols and conventions where these apply, including third angle projection, dimensioning, line types and use of simple scale
- 1.5 Identifying basic computer aided design commands, techniques and practice

Everyday objects will generally consist of combinations of geometric shapes and forms covered in the Unit.

### Outcome 2

The learner will:

#### **2 Produce preliminary 2D colour designs and illustrations for single-page promotional displays by:**

- 2.1 Illustrating 2D sketches or drawings of simple everyday objects to convey surface texture, tonal change and colour
- 2.2 Planning and justifying the choice of colours, layout and presentation techniques in simple promotional graphic displays
- 2.3 Explaining basic aspects of colour theory including primary and secondary colours, tints and shades, warm and cool colours, creating contrast and harmony
- 2.4 Planning and justifying the choice of informational graphics to suit a given scenario
- 2.5 Identifying the design principles and elements used to create promotional layouts and displays

Everyday objects will generally consist of combinations of geometric shapes and forms covered in the Unit.

## Outcome 3

The learner will:

### 3 Create simple 2D promotional graphic layouts by:

- 3.1 Producing single-page displays or layouts that have relevant visual impact and incorporating recognised desktop publishing techniques, including: a main feature, a backdrop and text; reasonably consistent and effective use of contrast, harmony, alignment, unity and depth
- 3.2 Producing informational graphics that transmit statistical information and have relevant visual impact
- 3.3 Identifying basic DTP terms used in the design and production of promotional and information graphics
- 3.4 Identifying the impact of graphic communication technologies on our environment and society

## Evidence requirements for the Unit

Assessors should use their professional judgement, subject knowledge and experience, and understanding of their learners, to determine the most appropriate ways to generate evidence and the conditions and contexts in which they are used.

In this Unit, Evidence Requirements are as follows.

Evidence may be a combination of written, oral and graphical.

In general, Outcomes may be met using either manual graphics techniques or electronic techniques, or a combination of both manual and electronic. When an Outcome or assessment standard specifically refers to a task that can only be carried out using manual techniques or electronic techniques, then those must be used.

Evidence may be presented for individual Outcomes or it may be gathered for the Unit as a whole through combining assessment holistically in one single activity. If the latter approach is used, it must be clear how the evidence covers each Outcome.

For this Unit, learners will be required to provide evidence of:

- ◆ skills in 2D graphics including drawing, sketching and illustration
- ◆ skills in creating 2D promotional graphics and informational graphics
- ◆ knowledge and understanding of appropriate drawing standards, protocols and conventions
- ◆ knowledge and understanding of techniques and terminology involved in creating graphic displays
- ◆ knowledge and understanding of 2D computer aided design /DTP techniques and terminology
- ◆ knowledge and understanding of how graphic communication technologies impact on our society and the environment

Exemplification of assessment is provided in the *Unit Assessment Support*. Advice and guidance on possible approaches to assessment is provided in the *Unit Support Notes*.

## **Assessment standard thresholds**

If a candidate successfully meets the requirements of the specified number of Assessment Standards they will be judged to have passed the Unit overall and no further re-assessment will be required.

The specific requirements for this Unit is as follows:

- ◆ 10 out of 14 Assessment Standards must be achieved.

It should be noted that there will still be the requirement for candidates to be given the opportunity to meet all Assessment Standards. The above threshold has been put in place to reduce the volume of re-assessment where that is required.

## **Development of skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work**

It is expected that learners will develop broad, generic skills through this Unit. The skills that learners will be expected to improve on and develop through the Unit are based on SQA's *Skills Framework: Skills for Learning, Skills for Life and Skills for Work* and drawn from the main skills areas listed below. These must be built into the Unit where there are appropriate opportunities.

### **2 Numeracy**

2.2 Money, time and measurement

### **4 Employability, enterprise and citizenship**

4.2 Information and communication technology (ICT)

### **5 Thinking skills**

5.1 Remembering

5.2 Understanding

5.3 Applying

Amplification of these is given in SQA's *Skills Framework: Skills for Learning, Skills for Life and Skills for Work*. The level of these skills should be at the same SCQF level of the Unit and be consistent with the SCQF level descriptor. Further information on building in skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work is given in the *Unit Support Notes*.

# Administrative information

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## History of changes to National Unit Specification

Version	Description of change	Authorised by	Date
1.1	Reference to draughting removed throughout.	Qualifications Manager	April 2015
1.2	Assessment standard thresholds added.	Qualifications Manager	Sep 2018

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