

Updates to Unit assessment support packs for National 3 to Advanced Higher Biology Courses and Higher Human Biology Course



We have updated some Unit assessment support for National 3 to Advanced Higher Courses. This follows the revisions made to Unit Specifications in April 2015, and feedback gathered from centres during session 2014–15.

Updated Unit assessment support materials are now available for the National 4 Science Added Value Unit, Biology National 3, National 4, National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher Units, and Higher Human Biology Units. The updated materials are dated 'August 2015'.

Please refer to the following 'Notification of Changes' tables for your curricular area, as these provide a summary of the changes to each document and include details of the revised version numbers.

- [Sciences National 3 to 5 Notification of Changes Log](#)
- [Sciences Higher Notification of Changes Log](#)
- [Sciences Advanced Higher Notification of Changes Log](#)

Notification of Changes tables for all subjects are available from www.sqa.org.uk/cfesubjectchanges

The use of SQA-produced Unit assessments is not mandatory; however, if you are using them, we strongly encourage you to use the most up-to-date versions. Please note that you may continue to use existing versions of the Unit assessments until the end of session 2015-16 and both will be accepted for verification purposes.

The updated Unit assessment support materials are available from our secure website and you can arrange access to them through your SQA Co-ordinator.

Further information on the reasons for the changes to Unit assessment support, and guidance on the next steps to take, is provided below.

Subject	Reason for change	Next steps for centres
National 4 Science	The Unit assessment for Science National 4 Added Value Unit has been updated in order to clarify wording, assessment conditions and marking guidance.	Centres are advised to download new copies of the revised document.
National 3 to Higher Biology, and Higher Human Biology	The Unit assessment support packs for Biology and Human Biology have been updated in order to clarify wording, assessment conditions and marking guidance.	Centres are advised to download new copies of the revised documents.
Advanced Higher Biology	Biology: Organisms and Evolution package 1: minor change to marking guidance — question 8a.	Centres are advised to download new copies of the revised documents.