

Scottish Group Award Specifications

SGA in:	Care: Social Care		
Level:	Higher	Code:	G5A4 12

Summary of requirements

SGA in Care: Social 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
Mental Health Care
Psychology
Sociology*

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

Important Note* Achievement above the minimum requirements

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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** Psychology (Int 2) **or** Psychology (H)
- same course achieved with different grades cannot both contribute credits to the SGA, eg **either** Higher Care at grade A **or** Higher Care 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 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.

Note - The former compensatory course awards (fallbacks) can also contribute 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
One mandatory National Course:		
C011 12	Care (H)	4
plus two National courses from:		
C01F 12	Care Practice (H)	4
C06G 12	Mental Health Care (H)	4
C212 12	Psychology (H)	4
C074 12	Sociology (H)	4
plus one mandatory National Unit:		
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 unit of Care course:

D058 11	Social Influences on Behaviour (Int 2)	1
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Component units of Care Issues for Society course:

D10V 11	Family Structures and Roles in a Changing Society (Int 2) [7140096]	1
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D11H 11	Mental Health Issues: An Introduction (Int 2) [7141413]	1
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D665 11	Understanding the Needs of the Older Person (Int 2)	1
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Component units of Health and Safety in Care Settings course:

D10S 11	Promoting Health Eating in a Care Setting (Int 2) [7140076]	1
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D667 11	Prevention of Infection (Int 2)	1
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D668 11	Safety in a Care Environment (Int 2)	1
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Free-standing National Units:

EC0A 12	Community Care in Scotland (H) [7141443]	1
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D11G 11	Enabling Others to Cope with Loss: An Introduction (Int 2) [7141401]	0.5
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D11F 11	Introduction to Budgeting and Finance for Care (Int 2) [7141351]	0.5
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D10X 12	Personal Assistance in an Independent Living Context (H) [7140154]	1
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D10R 11	Preparing to Work with People with Special Needs	0.5
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D11B 11	Special Needs and Support Services (Int 2) [7140196]	1
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D12B 12	Substance Use and Misuse (H) [7220006]	1
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D36H 12	Work Experience (H)	1
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D11J 12	Working towards Independent Living (H) [7141433]	1
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D11C 11	Supporting Elderly People in the Community (Int 2) [7140206]	1
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Course/unit no	Course/unit title	Credits
D01C 11	Numeracy (Int 2)	1
D01D 11	Information Technology (Int 2)	1
D01E 11	Problem Solving (Int 2)	1
D01F 12	Working with Others (H)	1
One unit from:		
D10M 12	HIV Infection, Related Illnesses and Hepatitis B (H) [7140004] or	1
D10N 11	HIV and Hepatitis B: An Introduction (Int 2) [7140014]	0.5
Communication		
EE3T 12	Communication NC (H) or	2
D01B 12	Communication (H)	1

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

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 Numeracy at Intermediate 2, a candidate whose profile shows Using Number at Intermediate 2 and Using Graphical Information at Intermediate 1 would not meet the requirement and would have to improve in Using Graphical Information.

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

C

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 D4F5K 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:

DF5K 10	Psychology: Understanding the Individual (Int 1)
DF5K 11	Psychology: Understanding the Individual (Int 2)
DF5K 12	Psychology: Understanding the Individual (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: Understanding the Individual (H) can be counted instead of Psychology: Understanding the Individual (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:

C011 10	Care (Int 1)
C011 11	Care (Int 2)
C011 12	Care (H)

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

SVQs

D

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
G45S 23	Promoting Independence	3
G45T 23	Promoting Independence	3

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