



Common questions about National 3, National 4, National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher Health and Food Technology

Do centres have to use the assignment briefs provided by SQA?

For the National 4 Added Value Unit centres may use the briefs in the unit assessment support pack, or devise their own brief. Centres that choose to devise their own Added Value Unit assessment should follow the guidelines in the Assessment Overview section of the National 4 Added Value Unit assessment support pack, to ensure that candidates can generate evidence to meet all assessment standards.

For National 5 and Higher, candidates will have a choice of two briefs, published annually by SQA in September on SQA's secure site.

Please note: centres must ensure that they use the correct assignment briefs for the current session.

What is the submission date for the National 5 and Higher Course assignments?

The National 5 assignment submission date is late March.

The Higher assignment submission date is late April.

SQA co-ordinators will be informed of the exact dates each year.

What dietary advice would be acceptable for assessment purposes?

The course specification states 'Current Dietary Advice'. There is a lot of dietary advice that can be described as 'current'. SQA will accept any dietary advice from a credible source as correct.

Where can additional support materials be found?

Understanding Standards materials for unit assessments can be found in the Understanding Standards tab on the secure site. Support materials covering assignments and question papers from previous sessions can be found on the Understanding Standards website at www.understandingstandards.org.uk. PowerPoint presentations and workshop materials can

be found by following the link for Understanding Standards Events Materials on the Health and Food Technology subject page.

Are unit assessments carried out under examination conditions?

Centres should refer to the Assessment Conditions section in the unit assessment support packs for individual unit assessment conditions.

Can the unit assessment in the support pack be amended before use?

All unit assessment support packs are published in Microsoft Word format. This enables centres to alter the layout of the assessment to suit their candidates, eg to allow more space for candidate responses. However, if the method used by candidates to provide evidence for the assessment standards is altered, then this should be prior verified before use.

What type of consumer legislation should be taught in the Higher course?

As candidates must be able to source information and advice about food issues, this should include current legislation relevant to health and food technology. Questions that may appear in a question paper will be sufficiently open to allow candidates to be credited with any correct response referring to appropriate current legislation.

National Qualification questions and answers can be found on the [frequently asked questions section](#) of SQA's website.