



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

## **National 5 combined package 1 Unit assessment support pack: will candidates be disadvantaged if they do not select a food product with three functional properties?**

No. In Unit assessment support package 1 (Unit-by-Unit) and package 3 (combined), the candidate is asked to identify three ingredients from their product and describe the functional properties of each. The candidate's product, chosen to meet the brief, might not have three ingredients for which the candidate could describe functional properties. Although it's likely that most candidates will be able to identify three ingredients from their product, the statement 'This may or may not be in relation to product(s) they themselves have made or will make' is included in the Making assessment judgements column of the 'judging evidence' table. In other words, candidates can describe the functional properties of ingredients other than those in their product. This will ensure that the assessment does not disadvantage any candidate whose product does not have suitable ingredients.

## **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?**

National 5 Course assignment submission date is late March.

Higher Course assignment submission date is late April.

Centre SQA co-ordinators can provide exact dates each year.

## **Will the National 5 and Higher Course assignment overtake the Food Product Development Unit?**

No — candidates must achieve the Unit Outcomes and Assessment Standards in order to pass the Unit.

## **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 creditable source as correct.

## **Where can additional support materials be found?**

Understanding Standards materials for unit assessments can be found in the Understanding Standards tab in the secure site. Materials from assignments and question papers from previous exam diets can be found on the Understanding Standards website at [www.understandingstandards.org.uk](http://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 produced in Word. This enables a centre 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.

## **At Higher, what consumer legislation should be taught?**

As candidates must be able to source information and advice about food issues, this should include current legislation relevant to HFT. 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.