



Common questions about National 3, National 4 and National 5 Hospitality: Practical Cookery

Can candidates prepare Unit assessment dishes over a number of days/periods?

For the *Cookery Skills, Techniques and Processes* Unit, you can assess the dishes individually, eg one on the first session and one on the second, because you're assessing the candidate's ability to carry out the range of skills/processes in the dishes they're making.

In the *Organisational Skills for Cooking* Unit, you can't assess each of the dishes in a separate session because that doesn't show the organisational skills required to integrate the preparing and cooking of the two dishes. If you aren't able to assess this Unit in one session, you might wish to do the following way, for example:

Session 1: Weigh and measure ingredients for both dishes.

Session 2: Prepare, cook and serve both dishes.

When will the revised dietary goals (issued in May 2013) be incorporated into the Courses?

The Course specification states 'Current Dietary Advice'. There's lots of dietary advice that is current, and that we would accept as correct in a candidate response, including advice that's not detailed in either the dietary targets or the new dietary goals.

Where can additional support materials be found?

Understanding Standards materials for Unit and Course assessments can be found in the Understanding Standards tab in the secure site. PowerPoint presentations and workshop materials can be found by following the link for Understanding Standards Events Materials on the [Hospitality: Practical Cookery page](#).

Are Unit assessments carried out under examination conditions?

Centres should refer to the Assessment Conditions section of 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.

How much assistance can be given to National 5 candidates when they are producing the timeplan for Course assessment?

The Planning stage must be the candidate's own work, and should be carried out independently under the supervision of the assessor. The candidate's original plan and service details should then be marked and internally verified. These marks should be recorded on the Practical Activity Assessment Record. The assessor should not provide advice until the candidate has completed the work and the work has been marked. Assessors may then suggest corrections / improvements or give a workable timeplan.

Is there a pass mark for National 4 Units?

Marks are not awarded in Units. In order to pass any Unit, including National 4 Added Value Unit, candidates must meet all Assessment Standards, as outlined in column 3 of the Judging Evidence Table in the Unit assessment support pack. A candidate who fails to meet an Assessment Standard must be re-assessed in that Assessment Standard before they can be recorded as achieving the Unit.

General Curriculum for Excellence questions and answers can be found on the [frequently asked questions section](#) of SQA's website.