

Changes to assessment in National 5 courses from session 2017-18 onwards

Subject	Changes to coursework?	Changes to question paper(s)?	Current course assessment	Revised course assessment	Reasons for change / additional information
Accounting	<p>Yes</p> <p>Candidates will now have 2 hours to complete the assignment and the task will be issued approximately 3 weeks before the submission date.</p> <p>The assignment will remain similar to the current approach.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>The question paper will be extended by 30 marks to ensure greater subject content is sampled. The duration of the exam will therefore also increase.</p> <p>There will be no changes to the question types.</p>	<p>Marks Assignment: 50 Question paper: 100</p> <p>Weightings Assignment: 33% Question paper: 67%</p>	<p>Marks Assignment: 50 Question paper: 130</p> <p>Weightings Assignment: 28% Question paper: 72%</p>	<p>The question paper is being extended to ensure it samples a greater amount of course content, following the removal of units.</p> <p>The coursework duration and component weightings have been adjusted to enhance the overall reliability of the course assessment.</p>
Administration and IT	<p>Yes</p> <p>The assignment will continue to be an integrated exercise and it will be similar to the current approach. However, it will no longer include spreadsheet and database tasks as these will now be assessed in the new question paper component. To reflect this, the number of available marks for the assignment will reduce from 100 marks to 70 marks and the time for completing the tasks will reduce from 4 hours to 3 hours.</p>	<p>Yes – new question paper component</p> <p>A new question paper (exam) will be introduced that will combine spreadsheet, database and theory tasks. Candidates will complete all tasks in the question paper using ICT equipment. The question paper will be worth 50 marks and will be externally marked by SQA.</p>	<p>Marks Assignment: 100</p> <p>Weightings Assignment: 100%</p>	<p>Marks Assignment: 70 Question paper: 50</p> <p>Weightings: Assignment: 58% Question paper: 42%</p>	<p>The adjustments to the existing assignment, and the introduction of a new practical-based question paper, will add breadth to the course assessment in a way that is manageable for candidates. This approach will facilitate the sampling of a greater amount of knowledge and skills, following the removal of the units.</p>
Art and Design	<p>Yes</p> <p>The current portfolio component contains an expressive section that is worth 80 marks and a design section that is also worth 80 marks. This will now be separated into two portfolios; an expressive portfolio that is worth 100 marks and a design portfolio that is also worth 100 marks.</p> <p>The portfolios will be marked externally by SQA and each one will be marked by separate marking teams. The portfolios will now also require submission of investigation, research and development work that was previously assessed as part of the units.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>The question paper will be extended to include more questions and the number of available marks will increase from 40 marks to 50 marks. The duration of the exam will therefore also increase.</p>	<p>Marks Question paper: 40 Portfolio: 160</p> <p>Weightings Question paper: 20% Portfolio: 80%</p>	<p>Marks Question paper: 50 Design portfolio: 100 Expressive portfolio: 100</p> <p>Weightings: Question paper: 20% Design portfolio: 40% Expressive portfolio: 40%</p>	<p>The question paper is being extended to ensure it samples a greater amount of course content, following the removal of units.</p> <p>The portfolio has been separated into two components and the marks for each have increased from 80 to 100 marks. This will enhance the reliability of marking and takes into account the additional content being assessed in the portfolios that was previously assessed in the units.</p>

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Biology	Yes Practical/experimental/field work will become a mandatory feature of the assignment. This will result in some changes to the activities that make up the assignment.	Yes The question paper will be extended to include more questions and the number of available marks will increase from 80 marks to 100 marks. The duration of the exam will increase from 2 hours to 2 hours and 30 minutes.	Marks Assignment: 20 Question paper: 80 Weightings Assignment: 20% Question paper: 80%	Marks Assignment: 20 Question paper: 100 Weightings Assignment: 20% Question paper: 80%	The question paper is being extended to ensure it samples a greater amount of course content, following the removal of the units. Practical/experimental/field work will become a mandatory feature of the assignment following the removal of the units which currently assess this within outcome 1. Scaling will be used to maintain the current 20%:80% course assessment weighting. We have also removed some content from the course as a result of feedback from the teaching profession, which indicated that there was more course content than necessary. Information on course coverage is provided in the revised course specification.
Business Management	No There is no change to the assignment, however the revised course specification provides further clarification on the conditions for assessment.	Yes The question paper will be extended by 20 marks to ensure greater subject content is sampled. The duration of the exam will therefore also increase. There will be no change to the question types.	Marks Assignment: 30 Question paper: 70 Weightings Assignment: 30% Question paper: 70%	Marks Assignment: 30 Question paper: 90 Weightings Assignment: 25% Question paper: 75%	The question paper is being extended to ensure it samples a greater amount of course content, following the removal of units. The clarification of the conditions of assessment for the assignment, and the adjustment of the component weightings, will enhance the reliability of the course assessment.
Care	Yes The project will be retained, however it will now be worth 67% of the course assessment.	Yes - new question paper component A new question paper (exam) will be introduced that will be worth 33% of the course assessment and will be externally marked by SQA.	Marks Project: 100 Weightings: Project: 100%	Marks Marks for project and question paper to be confirmed by end of April 2017 Weightings Project: 67% Question paper: 33%	The new question paper will give candidates further opportunities to apply a range of sociological and psychological theories. It will ensure that the course assessment samples knowledge and skills from across the whole course, following the removal of units.
Chemistry	Yes Practical/experimental work will become a mandatory feature of the assignment and this will result in some changes to the activities that make up the assignment.	Yes The question paper will be extended to include more questions and the number of available marks will increase from 80 marks to 100 marks. The duration of the exam will therefore also increase.	Marks Assignment: 20 Question paper: 80 Weightings Assignment: 20% Question paper: 80%	Marks Assignment: 20 Question paper: 100 Weightings Assignment: 20% Question paper: 80%	The question paper is being extended to ensure it samples a greater amount of course content, following the removal of the units. Practical/experimental/ work will become a mandatory feature of the assignment, following the removal of the units which currently assess this within outcome1. Scaling will be used to maintain the current 20%:80% course assessment weighting.

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Classical Studies	No There is no change to the assignment, however the revised course specification provides further clarification on the conditions for assessment.	Yes The question paper will be extended to include more questions and the number of available marks will increase from 60 marks to 80 marks. The duration of the exam will therefore also increase.	Marks Question paper: 60 Assignment: 20 Weightings Question paper: 75% Assignment: 25%	Marks Question paper: 80 Assignment: 20 Weightings Question paper: 80% Assignment: 20%	The question paper is being extended to ensure it samples a greater amount of course content, following the removal of units. The clarification of the assessment conditions for the assignment and the adjustment of the component weightings will enhance the reliability of the course assessment.
Computing Science	Yes The assignment will be externally assessed by SQA and as a result the nature and structure of the assignment will change. The assignment task will now be issued annually and the bank of assignment tasks will be removed. The marks awarded for the assignment will reduce from 60 marks to 50 marks.	Yes The question paper will be extended to include more questions and the number of available marks will increase from 90 marks to 110 marks. The duration of the exam will therefore also increase.	Marks Assignment: 60 Question paper: 90 Weightings Assignment: 40% Question paper: 60 %	Marks Assignment: 50 Question paper: 110 Weightings Assignment: 31 % Question paper: 69%	The question paper is being extended to ensure it samples a greater amount of course content, following the removal of units. Moving to the external assessment of the assignment will address workload issues for teachers and address issues relating to the reliability of marking. The assignment task will be shortened and modified to reflect the reduction in marks from 60 to 50 and the reduced contribution of the assignment to the overall weighting of the course assessment. Weighting of the question paper and coursework has been adjusted to enhance the reliability of the course assessment.
Dance	No There is no change to the performance and practical activity components.	Yes – new question paper component A new question paper will be introduced. The question paper will be worth 30 marks and will be externally marked by SQA.	Marks Performance: 35 Practical activity: 65 Weightings Performance: 35% Practical activity: 65%	Marks Performance: 35 Practical activity: 65 Question paper: 30 Weightings Performance: 35% Practical activity: 45% Question paper: 20%	The new question paper will assess the knowledge and understanding that was previously assessed in the units. Scaling will be applied to achieve the following weightings: performance 35%, practical activity 45% and question paper 20%.
Design and Manufacture	Yes The existing assignment will be extended and split into two separate assignments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assignment 1 (Design), which will be externally assessed by SQA Assignment 2 (Manufacture), which will be marked internally by centres and subject to visiting verification by SQA. 	Yes The question paper will be extended and restructured to include more questions and the number of available marks will increase from 60 marks to 80 marks. The duration of the exam will therefore also increase.	Marks Assignment: 90 Question paper: 60 Weightings Assignment: 60% Question paper: 40%	Marks Assignment 1: 55 Assignment 2: 45 Question paper: 80 Weightings Assignment 1: 30% Assignment 2: 25% Question paper: 45%	The question paper is being extended to ensure it samples a greater amount of course content, following the removal of units. The assignment has additional content following the removal of units and is being separated into two components to reduce the assessment burden on teachers and enhance the reliability of marking. Assignment 2 (the manufacturing component) will be assessed by centres due to the practical nature of the assessment.

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Drama	No There is no change to the performance component.	Yes The question paper will be extended to include more questions and the number of available marks will increase from 40 marks to 60 marks. The duration of the exam will therefore also increase.	Marks Performance: 60 Question paper: 40 Weightings Performance: 60% Question paper: 40%	Marks Performance: 60 Question paper: 60 Weightings Performance: 60% Question paper: 40%	The question paper is being extended to ensure it samples a greater amount of course content, following the removal of units. Scaling will be applied to achieve the following weightings: performance 60% and question paper 40%.
Economics	No There will be no change to the assignment, however the revised course documentation will provide further clarification on the conditions for assessment.	Yes The question paper will be extended by 20 marks to ensure greater subject content is sampled. The duration of the exam will therefore also increase. There will be no changes to the question types.	Marks Assignment: 30 Question paper: 70 Weightings Assignment: 30% Question paper: 70%	Marks Assignment: 30 Question paper: 90 Weightings Assignment: 25% Question paper: 75%	The question paper is being extended to ensure it samples a greater amount of course content, following the removal of units. The clarification of the conditions of assessment for the assignment, and the adjustment of the component weightings, will enhance the reliability of the course assessment.
Engineering Science	Yes The assignment will be externally assessed by SQA and as a result the nature and structure of the assignment will change. The marks awarded for the assignment will reduce from 60 marks to 50 marks.	Yes The question paper will be extended to include more questions and the number of available marks will increase from 90 marks to 110 marks. The duration of the exam will therefore also increase.	Marks Assignment: 60 Question paper: 90 Weightings Assignment: 40% Question paper: 60 %	Marks Assignment: 50 Question paper: 110 Weightings Assignment: 31 % Question paper: 69%	The question paper is being extended to ensure it samples a greater amount of course content, following the removal of units. Moving to the external assessment of the coursework task will address workload issues for teachers and address issues relating to the reliability of marking. The assignment task will be shortened and modified to reflect the reduction in marks from 60 to 50 and the reduced contribution of the assignment to the overall course assessment. Weighting of the question paper and coursework has been adjusted to enhance the reliability of the course assessment.
English	Yes – new coursework component There is no change to the writing portfolio, however we are introducing a new mandatory 'spoken language' (combined speaking and listening) component. To maximise flexibility, this component will be internally assessed as 'achieved' or 'not achieved' and will be based on existing standards. Candidates will need to achieve the minimum requirements of this component to gain the course award.	No There is no change to the question papers.	Marks Portfolio: 30 Question paper 1: 30 Question paper 2: 40 Weightings Portfolio: 30% Question paper 1: 30% Question paper 2: 40%	Marks Spoken language - N/A Portfolio - 30 Question paper 1 - 30 Question paper 2 - 40 Weightings Spoken language - N/A Portfolio: 30% Question paper 1: 30% Question paper 2: 40%	The new internally assessed 'spoken language' component will ensure that all four literacy skills continue to be assessed in the National 5 English Course, following the removal of units. Historic delivery experience in Scotland, and guidance from awarding bodies across the UK, indicates that the most successful way to assess speaking and listening skills is on an 'achieved' or 'not achieved' basis.

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Environmental Science	Yes Practical/experimental/field work will become a mandatory feature of the assignment and this will result in some changes to the activities that make up the assignment.	Yes The question paper will be extended to include more questions and the number of available marks will increase from 80 marks to 100 marks. The duration of the exam will therefore also increase.	Marks Assignment: 20 Question paper: 80 Weightings: Assignment: 20 % Question paper: 80%	Marks Assignment: 20 Question paper: 100 Weightings Assignment: 20% Question paper: 80%	The question paper is being extended to ensure it samples a greater amount of course content, following the removal of the units. Practical/experimental/field work will become a mandatory feature of the assignment, following the removal of the units which currently assess this within outcome1. The assignment will be scaled to maintain the current 20%:80% course assessment weighting.
ESOL	No There is no change to the performance (speaking and listening) component.	Yes The question papers will be extended by 20 marks and the duration of the exam will also increase as a result. The extension of the question paper will allow an increase in the sampling of the course content as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening: an additional 5 marks (from 20 to 25 marks) • Reading: an additional 10 marks (from 25 to 35 marks) • Writing: an additional 5 marks (from 25 to 30 marks). 	Marks Performance (speaking and listening): 30 Question paper: Listening - 20 Reading/writing - 50 Weighting Performance (speaking and listening): 30% Question paper: Listening - 20% Reading/writing - 50%	Marks Performance (speaking and listening): 30 Question paper: Listening - 25 Reading/writing - 65 Weightings: Performance (speaking and listening): 30% Question paper: Listening - 20% Reading/writing - 50%	The extension of the question papers will allow an increase in the sampling of the course content, following the removal of units. Scaling will be applied to retain the current component weightings.
Fashion and Textile Technology	Yes The coursework will be extended and the number of available marks will increase from 80 marks to 100 marks. Some of the marking will now be done externally by SQA, so the assessment task has been split into two components, each worth 50 marks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assignment – externally marked by SQA • Practical activity – internally marked by centres and quality assured by SQA Candidates will continue to carry out one task and this will provide evidence for both components.	Yes – new question paper component A new question paper (exam) will be introduced. It will be worth 30 marks and will be externally marked by SQA.	Marks Practical activity: 80 Weighting Practical activity: 100%	Marks Practical activity: 50 Assignment: 50 Question paper: 30 Weightings Practical activity: 35% Assignment: 35% Question paper: 30%	The new question paper will assess the knowledge and understanding from across the course, including knowledge and understanding that was previously only assessed in the units. The number of available marks in the practical activity will be increased to cover course content that is no longer assessed following the removal of the units. Scaling will be used to achieve the following weightings: practical activity 35%, assignment 35% and question paper 30%.

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Gàidhlig	<p>Yes – new coursework component</p> <p>A new externally assessed writing assignment will be introduced that will be worth 20 marks. This will involve the creation and submission of one piece of writing, which will be marked by SQA and will use assessment approaches similar to those developed in the National 5 'Creation and Production' unit.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Writing skills will now be assessed in the new coursework component, so question paper 1 (reading and writing) will focus on the assessment of reading for understanding and critical reading. There will be no change to the assessment approach used in the question paper, which will be renamed to 'reading and literature'.</p> <p>The marking instructions for the literature section (previously called writing) will be rewritten to direct markers to focus on the critical reading aspect only, when making their assessment judgments.</p> <p>There will be no change to question paper 2.</p>	<p>Marks</p> <p>Performance (talking): 30 Question paper 1 (reading and writing): 50 Question paper 2 (listening): 20</p> <p>Weightings</p> <p>Performance (talking): 30% Question paper 1 (reading and writing): 50% Question paper 2 (listening): 20%</p>	<p>Marks</p> <p>Assignment (writing): 20 Performance (talking): 30 Question paper 1 (reading and literature): 50 Question paper 2 (listening): 20</p> <p>Weightings</p> <p>Assignment (writing): 16.5% Performance (talking): 25% Question paper 1 (reading and literature): 42% Question paper 2 (listening): 16.5%</p>	<p>These revisions will ensure that the current knowledge and skills will continue to be assessed, following the removal of the units.</p> <p>The adjustment of the component weightings will enhance the reliability of the course assessment.</p>
Geography	<p>No</p> <p>There will be no changes to the assignment, however the revised course specification provides further clarification on the conditions for assessment.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>The question paper will be extended to include more questions and the number of marks will increase from 60 marks to 80. The duration of the exam will therefore also increase.</p> <p>Candidates will be asked to answer questions on physical environments (including a choice from two questions relating to the type of landscape studied) and human environments. Candidates will also answer two questions, from a choice of six, on global issues.</p>	<p>Marks</p> <p>Question paper: 60 Assignment: 20</p> <p>Weightings</p> <p>Question paper: 75% Assignment: 25%</p>	<p>Marks</p> <p>Question paper: 80 Assignment: 20</p> <p>Weightings</p> <p>Question paper: 80% Assignment: 20%</p>	<p>The question paper is being extended to ensure it samples a greater amount of course content, following the removal of units.</p> <p>The clarification of the conditions of assessment for the assignment, and the adjustment of the component weightings, will enhance the reliability of the course assessment.</p>
Graphic Communication	<p>Yes</p> <p>The assignment will be externally assessed by SQA and as a result the nature and structure of the assignment will change.</p> <p>The marks awarded for the assignment will reduce from 60 marks to 40 marks and its contribution to the overall course assessment will reduce. The assignment will be shortened and modified to reflect this.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>The question paper will be extended to include more questions and the number of available marks will increase from 60 marks to 80 marks. The duration of the exam will therefore also increase.</p>	<p>Marks</p> <p>Assignment: 60 Question paper: 60</p> <p>Weightings</p> <p>Assignment: 50% Question paper: 50 %</p>	<p>Marks:</p> <p>Assignment: 40 Question paper: 80</p> <p>Weightings</p> <p>Assignment: 33% Question paper: 67%</p>	<p>The question paper is being extended to ensure it samples a greater amount of course content, following the removal of units.</p> <p>Moving to the external assessment of the assignment will address workload issues for teachers and address issues relating to the reliability of marking.</p> <p>The weighting of the question paper and coursework has been adjusted to enhance the reliability of the course assessment.</p>

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Health and Food Technology	Yes The assignment will be extended from 50 marks to 60 marks.	Yes The question paper will be extended to include more questions and the number of available marks will increase from 50 marks to 60 marks. The duration of the exam will therefore also increase.	Marks Assignment: 50 Question paper: 50 Weightings Assignment: 50% Question paper: 50%	Marks Assignment: 60 Question paper: 60 Weightings Assignment: 50% Question paper: 50%	The question paper and assignment are being extended to ensure they sample all course content, following the removal of units.
History	No There are no changes to the assignment, however the revised course specification provides further clarification on the conditions for assessment.	Yes The question paper will be extended to include more questions and the number of available marks will increase from 60 marks to 80 marks. The duration of the exam will therefore also increase. All four issues in the mandatory content will be sampled in each context (Scottish, British, European and World). This is a change from the current question paper which samples three out of four issues.	Marks Question paper: 60 Assignment: 20 Weightings Question paper: 75% Assignment: 25%	Marks Question paper: 80 Assignment: 20 Weightings: Question paper: 80% Assignment: 20%	The question paper is being extended to ensure it samples a greater amount of course content, following the removal of units. The clarification of the conditions of assessment for the assignment, and the adjustment of the component weightings, will enhance the reliability of the course assessment.
Hospitality: Practical Cake Craft	Yes Candidates will continue to carry out one task (designing, planning, making, finishing and evaluating a cake), however some stages of this task will now be externally assessed by SQA. As such, the task is now split into two components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assignment (externally marked by SQA) • Practical activity (internally marked by centres and quality assured by SQA) 	Yes – new question paper component A new question paper will be introduced that will be worth 30 marks The question paper will be externally marked by SQA.	Marks Practical activity: 100 Weightings Practical activity: 100%	Marks Question paper: 30 Assignment: 18 Practical activity: 82 Weightings Assignment: 22% Practical activity: 53% Question paper: 25%	The assignment and practical activity will be carried out over three stages: stage 1 - designing (assignment, section 1), stage 2 - implementing (practical activity), stage 3 – evaluating (assignment, section 2) The new question paper will assess knowledge and understanding from across the course, including the knowledge and understanding that was previously only assessed in the units. Scaling will be applied to achieve the following weightings: practical activity/assignment 75% and question paper 25%.
Hospitality: Practical Cookery	Yes Candidates will continue to carry out one task, however some stages of this task will now be marked externally by SQA. As such, the task has been split into two components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assignment – externally marked by SQA • Practical activity – internally marked by centres and quality assured by SQA 	Yes – new question paper component A new question paper will be introduced that will be worth around 30 marks. The question paper will be externally assessed by SQA.	Marks Practical activity: 100 Weightings Practical activity: 100%	Marks Question paper: 30 Assignment: 30 Practical activity: 82 Weightings Assignment: 13% Practical activity: 62% Question paper: 25%	The assignment and practical activity will be carried out over two stages: stage 1 - planning (assignment) and stage 2 - implementing (practical activity). The new question paper will assess knowledge and understanding from across the course, including the knowledge and understanding that was previously assessed in the units. Scaling will be applied to achieve the following weightings: practical activity/assignment 75% and question paper 25%.

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Latin	N/A	<p>Yes</p> <p>The 'Literary Appreciation' question paper will increase from 30 marks to 60 marks. The duration of the exam will therefore also increase. Candidates will still be required to answer questions on two prescribed texts, however the range of questions for each author will be increased to sample more content from the course.</p> <p>For the 'Translating' question paper, the assessment task and duration of the exam will remain unchanged. However, to enhance the reliability of marking, the number of blocks (sense units) will increase from 15 to 20 and the total number of marks available will increase to 40.</p> <p>Overall, both papers will be weighted equally.</p>	<p>Marks</p> <p>Question paper 1 (Literary appreciation): 30</p> <p>Question paper 2 (Translating): 30</p> <p>Weightings</p> <p>Question paper 1 (Literary appreciation): 50%</p> <p>Question paper 2 (Translating): 50%</p>	<p>Marks</p> <p>Question paper 1 (Literary appreciation): 60</p> <p>Question paper 2 (Translating): 40</p> <p>Weightings</p> <p>Question paper 1: Literary appreciation - 50%</p> <p>Question paper 2: Translating - 50%</p>	<p>The 'Literary Appreciation' question paper is being extended to ensure it samples a greater amount of course content, following the removal of units.</p> <p>The changes to the marking of the 'Translating' paper will enhance the reliability of the course assessment.</p> <p>Scaling will be applied to retain the current component weightings.</p>
Lifeskills Mathematics (Applications of Mathematics)	N/A	<p>Yes</p> <p>Both question papers will be extended. Question paper 1 will increase from 35 marks to 45 marks and question paper 2 will increase from 55 to 65 marks. The duration of the exam will also increase as a result.</p>	<p>Marks:</p> <p>Question paper 1 - 35</p> <p>Question paper 2 - 55</p> <p>Weightings:</p> <p>Question paper 1 - 39 %</p> <p>Question paper 2 - 61%</p>	<p>Marks:</p> <p>Question paper 1 - 45</p> <p>Question paper 2 - 65</p> <p>Weightings:</p> <p>Question paper 1 - 41%</p> <p>Question paper 2 - 59%</p>	<p>The question papers are being extended to ensure they sample a greater amount of course content, following the removal of units.</p> <p>There has been a marginal change in the weighting between question papers 1 and 2 but this should have no overall impact on the assessment of mandatory knowledge and skills across the two papers.</p> <p>Following consultation with a wide range of stakeholders, including teachers, Lifeskills Mathematics will be renamed to Applications of Mathematics from session 2017-18 onwards. This applies to National 3 to National 5 only.</p>
Mathematics	N/A	<p>Yes</p> <p>Both question papers will be extended to include more questions. The number of marks available in question paper 1 will increase from 40 marks to 50 marks and the number of marks available in question paper 2 will increase from 50 marks to 60 marks. The duration of each exam will therefore also increase.</p>	<p>Marks</p> <p>Question paper 1: 40</p> <p>Question paper 2 - 50</p> <p>Weightings</p> <p>Question paper 1: 44%</p> <p>Question paper 2: 56%</p>	<p>Marks</p> <p>Question paper 1: 50</p> <p>Question paper 2: 60</p> <p>Weightings</p> <p>Question paper 1: 45 %</p> <p>Question paper 2: 55%</p>	<p>The question papers are being extended to ensure they sample a greater amount of course content, following the removal of units.</p> <p>There has been a marginal change in the weighting between question papers 1 and 2 but this should have no overall impact on the assessment of mandatory knowledge and skills across the two papers.</p>

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Media	Yes The assignment will be extended from 50 marks to 60 marks to include an evaluative element in the 'Development' section.	Yes The question paper will be extended by 10 marks to 60 marks by adding a new 'Analysis of a Media Text' section. The duration of the exam will therefore also increase.	Marks Assignment: 50 Question paper: 50 Weightings Assignment: 50% Question paper: 50%	Marks Assignment: 60 Question paper: 60 Weightings Assignment: 50% Question paper: 50%	The existing question paper and assignment will be extended to ensure that the current knowledge and skills will continue to be assessed in the course, following the removal of units.
Modern Languages (Chinese Languages, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Gaelic (Learners), Urdu)	Yes – new coursework component A new written assignment will be introduced that will be worth 20 marks. It will use similar assessment approaches to those previously developed in the National 5 'Using Language' unit. For the written assignment, candidates will create and submit one piece of writing which will be externally marked by SQA. The assessment conditions for the performance: talking component will also be updated and will require candidates to discuss a second context in the conversation section.	No There are no changes to the question papers.	Marks Performance: talking: 30 Question paper 1 - Reading: 30 - Writing: 20 Question paper 2 - Listening: 20 Weightings Performance: talking: 30% Question paper 1 - Reading: 30% - Writing: 20% Question paper 2 - Listening: 20%	Marks: Assignment: writing: 20 Performance: talking: 30 Question paper 1 - Reading: 30 - Writing: 20 Question paper 2 - Listening: 20 Weightings Assignment: writing: 12.5% Performance: talking: 25% Question paper 1 - Reading: 25% - Writing: 12.5% Question paper 2 - Listening: 25%	These revisions will ensure that the current knowledge and skills will continue to be assessed in the course, following the removal of units. To recognise the equal status of all four language skills, scaling will be applied to ensure they are given equal weighting.
Modern Studies	No There is no change to the assignment, however the revised course specification provides further clarification on the conditions for assessment.	Yes The question paper will be extended to include more questions. This will broaden the scope for the assessment of knowledge and understanding of democracy, social issues and international issues. The number of available marks will increase from 60 marks to 80 marks and the duration of the exam will therefore also increase.	Marks Question paper: 60 Assignment: 20 Weightings Question paper: 75% Assignment: 25%	Marks Question paper: 80 Assignment: 20 Weightings Question paper: 80% Assignment: 20%	The question paper is being extended to ensure it samples a greater amount of course content, following the removal of units. The clarification of the conditions of assessment for the assignment, and the adjustment of the component weightings, will enhance the reliability of the course assessment.
Music	Yes – new coursework component A new assignment will be introduced that will assess composing skills. It will be worth 30 marks and will be externally marked by SQA. There are no changes to the performance component.	No There are no changes to the question papers.	Marks Performance: 60 Question paper: 40 Weightings Performance: 60% Question paper: 40%	Marks Performance: 60 Question paper: 40 Assignment: 30 Weightings Performance: 50% Question paper: 35% Assignment: 15%	The new assignment will assess composing, a key aspect of the course that is currently assessed as part of the Music: Composing Skills unit. Scaling will be applied to achieve the following weightings: performance 50%, question paper 35% and assignment 15%.

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Music Technology	<p>Yes – new coursework component</p> <p>A new assignment will be introduced that will assess composing skills. The assignment will be worth 30 marks and will be externally marked by SQA.</p> <p>There are no changes to the performance component.</p>	<p>No</p> <p>There are no changes to the question paper.</p>	<p>Marks Assignment: 70 Question paper: 30</p> <p>Weightings Assignment: 70% Question paper: 30%</p>	<p>Marks Assignment: 100 (to be confirmed) Question paper: 40</p> <p>Weightings Assignment: 70% Question paper: 30%</p>	<p>The new assignment will assess composing – a key aspect of the course that was previously assessed as part of the Music: Composing Skills unit.</p> <p>Scaling will be applied to achieve the following weightings: performance 50%, question paper 35% and assignment 15%.</p>
Philosophy	<p>Yes</p> <p>The assignment will be reduced from 30 marks to 20 marks and the task will be revised to reflect this. The revised course specification also clarifies the conditions for assessment.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>The question paper will be extended to include more questions and the number of available marks will increase from 50 marks to 80 marks. The duration of the exam will therefore also increase.</p> <p>The question paper will allow for an increase in the marks allocated to the assessment of the 'Arguments in Action' section and increased sampling in the other two sections</p>	<p>Marks: Question paper - 50 Assignment - 30</p> <p>Weightings: Question paper - 62.5% Assignment - 37.5%</p>	<p>Marks: Question paper - 80 Assignment - 20</p> <p>Weightings: Question paper - 80% Assignment - 20%</p>	<p>Both components have been amended to assess the knowledge and understanding that was previously assessed in the units.</p> <p>The question paper is being extended and the number of marks for the assignment is being reduced, to allow for greater sampling across the course content, following the removal of units.</p> <p>The clarification of the conditions of assessment for the assignment, and the adjustment of the component weightings, will enhance the reliability of the overall course assessment.</p>
Physical Education	<p>Yes</p> <p>The performance will now comprise two single performances, each worth 30 marks, which showcase different activities. Each activity will be internally assessed and will be subject to external verification from SQA.</p> <p>The portfolio component will be extended and revised. It will increase from 40 marks to 60 marks to include the skills of planning and evaluation. The portfolio will be externally marked by SQA.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Marks Performance: 60 Portfolio: 40</p> <p>Weightings Performance: 60% Portfolio: 40%</p>	<p>Marks Performance: 60 Portfolio: 60</p> <p>Weightings Performance: 50% Portfolio: 50%</p>	<p>Extending the portfolio and revising the performance will ensure that the coursework covers more course content, following the removal of units.</p> <p>The portfolio component is being extended to include the assessment of planning and evaluation, which were previously assessed in the performance component. The performance component is being extended by two single performances.</p> <p>Both components now carry equal weighting.</p>
Physics	<p>Yes</p> <p>Practical/experimental work will become a mandatory feature of the assignment and this will result in some changes to the activities that make up the assignment.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>The question paper will be extended to include more questions and the number of available marks will increase from 110 marks to 135 marks. The duration of the exam will therefore also increase.</p>	<p>Marks Assignment: 20 Question paper: 110</p> <p>Weightings Assignment: 20 % Question paper: 80%</p>	<p>Marks Assignment: 20 Question paper: 135</p> <p>Weightings Assignment: 20% Question paper: 80%</p>	<p>The question paper is being extended to ensure it samples a greater amount of course content, following the removal of the units.</p> <p>Practical/experimental work will become a mandatory feature of the assignment, following the removal of the units which currently assess this within outcome 1.</p> <p>The assignment will be scaled to maintain the current 20%:80% course assessment weighting.</p>

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Practical Electronics	Yes The marks allocated to the assignment will be reduced from 80 marks to 70 marks. Candidates will continue to select from a bank of assignments.	Yes – new question paper component A new question paper will be introduced that will test candidates' knowledge and understanding. The question paper will be worth 60 marks, which will be scaled to 30 marks.	Marks Assignment: 80 Weightings Assignment: 100%	Marks Question paper: 60 Assignment: 70 Weightings Question paper: 30% Assignment: 70%	The mark allocation for the assignment will be reduced from 80 marks to 70 marks to reflect the addition of a new question paper component. The new question paper will assess the knowledge and understanding that was previously assessed in the units. The question paper mark will be scaled from 60 to 30 to maintain a course assessment weighting that reflects the practical nature of the course.
Practical Metalworking	Yes The marks allocated to the assignment will be reduced from 80 marks to 70 marks. A new coursework task will now be issued each year.	Yes – new question paper component A new question paper will be introduced that will test candidates' knowledge and understanding. The question paper will be worth 60 marks, which will be scaled to 30 marks.	Marks Assignment: 80 Weightings Assignment: 100%	Marks Question paper: 60 Assignment: 70 Weightings Question paper: 30% Assignment: 70%	The mark allocation for the assignment will be reduced from 80 to 70 marks to reflect the addition of a new question paper component. The issue of an annual coursework task will increase the reliability of marking of the assignment coursework component. The new question paper will assess the knowledge and understanding that is currently assessed in the units. The question paper mark will be scaled from 60 to 30 to maintain a course assessment weighting that reflects the practical nature of the course.
Practical Woodworking	Yes The marks allocated to the assignment will be reduced from 80 marks to 70 marks. A new coursework task will now be issued each year.	Yes – new question paper component A new question paper will be introduced that will test candidates' knowledge and understanding. The question paper will be worth 60 marks, which will be scaled to 30 marks.	Marks: Assignment - 80 Weightings: Assignment -100%	Marks: Question paper - 60 (scaled to 30) Assignment - 70 Weightings: Question paper - 30% Assignment - 70%	The mark allocation for the assignment will be reduced from 80 to 70 marks to reflect the addition of a new question paper component. The issue of an annual coursework task will increase the reliability of marking of the assignment coursework component. The new question paper will assess the knowledge and understanding that is currently assessed in the units. The question paper mark will be scaled from 60 to 30 to maintain a course assessment weighting that reflects the practical nature of the course.

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Psychology	No There is no change to the assignment, however the course specification provides further clarification of the conditions for assessment. We will also provide the template for the assignment that was provided previously.	Yes The question paper will be extended to include more questions and the number of available marks will increase from 50 marks to 70 marks. The duration of the exam will therefore also increase. Each year, the question paper will sample mandatory content along with a series of specific optional topics. This is a similar approach to the question paper that was previously used in the Intermediate 2 course.	Marks Question paper: 50 Assignment: 30 Weightings Question paper: 62.5% Assignment: 37.5%	Marks Question paper: 70 Assignment: 30 Weightings Question paper: 70% Assignment: 30%	The question paper is being extended to ensure it samples a greater amount of course content, following the removal of units. The clarification of the conditions of assessment for the assignment, and the adjustment of the component weightings, will enhance the reliability of the course assessment.
RMPS	No There is no change to the assignment, however the revised course specification provides further clarification on the conditions for assessment.	Yes The question paper will be extended to include more questions and the number of available marks will increase from 50 marks to 70 marks. The duration of the exam will therefore also increase.	Marks Question paper: 60 Assignment: 20 Weightings Question paper: 75% Assignment: 25%	Marks Question paper: 80 Assignment: 20 Weightings Question paper: 80% Assignment: 20%	The question paper is being extended to ensure it samples a greater amount of course content, following the removal of units. The clarification of the conditions of assessment for the assignment, and the adjustment of the component weightings, will enhance the reliability of the course assessment.
Sociology	No There is no change to the assignment, however the revised course specification provides further clarification on the conditions for assessment.	Yes The question paper will be extended to include more questions and the number of available marks will increase from 50 marks to 70 marks. The duration of the exam will therefore also increase.	Marks: Question paper - 50 Assignment - 30 Weightings: Question paper - 62.5% Assignment - 37.5%	Marks: Question paper - 70 Assignment - 30 Weightings: Question paper - 70% Assignment - 30%	The question paper is being extended to ensure it samples a greater amount of course content, following the removal of units. The clarification of the conditions of assessment for the assignment, and the adjustment of the component weightings, will enhance the reliability of the course assessment.