

Updates to Unit assessment support packs for National 3 to Higher Dance, Drama, Music and Music Technology Courses



We have updated some Unit assessment support for National 3 to Higher Courses. This follows feedback gathered from centres during session 2014–15.

Updated Unit assessment support materials are now available for:

- Higher Dance
- National 4 Music
- National 3, National 4 and National 5 Music Technology

The updated materials are dated 'August 2015'.

Please note no changes have been made to the Unit assessment support packs for Drama therefore please continue to use the documents currently on SQA's secure website.

Please refer to the following 'Notification of Changes' tables for your curricular area, as these provide a summary of the changes to each document and include details of the revised version numbers.

- [Expressive Arts National 3 to National 5 Notification of Changes Log](#)
- [Expressive Arts Higher Notification of Changes Log](#)

Notification of Changes tables for all subjects are available from www.sqa.org.uk/cfesubjectchanges

The use of SQA-produced Unit assessments is not mandatory; however, if you are using them, we strongly encourage you to use the most up-to-date versions. Please note that you may continue to use existing versions of the Unit assessments until the end of session 2015–16 and both will be accepted for verification purposes.

The updated Unit assessment support materials are available from our secure website and you can arrange access to them through your SQA Co-ordinator.

Further information on the reasons for the changes to Unit assessment support, and guidance on the next steps to take, is provided below.

Subject	Reason for change	Next steps for centres
Higher Dance	<p>Minor amendments have been made to Unit assessment support packages 1, 2 and 3 for the Dance: Technical Skills (Higher) Unit.</p> <p>The 'making assessment judgements' column in the judging evidence tables now clarifies for Assessment Standard 2.2 that centres are able to present candidates in groups during assessment.</p>	Centres are advised to be aware of this change.
National 4 Music	<p>A minor amendment has been made to the judging evidence tables in Music: Performing Skills Unit assessment support packages 1 and 2.</p> <p>The 'assessment for candidates' column in the judging evidence tables for Assessment Standard 1.2 clarifies that candidates must reflect on the technical and musical aspects of their performing skills and not only their overall experience of assessment.</p> <p>Further information has been added to the 'assessment overview' section of the National 4 Music Performance Added Value Unit assessment. This section now details the specific requirements for particular instruments for this Unit.</p>	Centres are advised to be aware of these changes.
National 3, 4, 5 and Higher Music Technology	<p>Further guidance has been added to the 'making assessment judgements' column in the judging evidence tables in the Music Technology Unit assessment support packs.</p> <p>Additional information is now provided for Assessment Standards to further support centres with internal assessment.</p>	Centres are advised to download new copies of the revised documents.