

Updates to Unit assessment support packs for National 3 to Higher English Courses



We have updated some Unit assessment support for National 3 to Higher Courses. This follows the revision to the National 5 Literacy Unit Specification in April 2015, and feedback gathered from centres during session 2014–15.

Updated Unit assessment support materials are now available for National 3 to National 5 Literacy and National 3 to Higher English. The updated materials are dated 'August 2015'.

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.

- [Languages National 3 to National 5 Notification of Changes Log](#)
- [Languages 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.

The changes to the Unit assessment support packs are relatively minor and should not necessitate a change in assessment practice.

Following feedback from practitioners and live verification events, alterations have been made to allow for ease and clarity in meeting Assessment Standards. The assessment of Listening and Talking has been separated in the following Unit assessment support packs to allow for clearer identification of audience and purpose:

- National 3 English and Literacy Listening and Talking combined pack 1 (Reality TV)
- National 4 Literacy pack 2 (Community Group)
- National 4 English and Literacy Listening and Talking combined pack 2 (Sitcom)
- National 5 Literacy pack 1 (World War II)

There has been a revision of the questions which assess Reading in National 4 English Reading and Listening pack 3 (Hero), in order to achieve greater correspondence between evidence generated and Assessment Standards.

Judging evidence tables have been adapted slightly for National 5 Literacy to accommodate the alteration to Assessment Standards 1.2 and 2.2 (published in April 2015) which now include reference to audience and purpose, bringing them into line with National 3 and 4.

For Higher English, judging evidence tables for Writing have been amended to achieve more consistency in approach across all Unit assessment support packs.

Centres are advised to download new copies of the revised documents.

Please note that the amendments to the judging evidence tables of SQA-produced Unit assessment support packs relate only to column four and should be considered for information and exemplification of standards only. They do not have any impact on centre-devised Unit assessments. Centre-devised assessments would only have to be modified in the case of a change to an Assessment Standard.