

## Classical Languages



This update contains information relevant to your subject and details of the support available to you.

We also publish updates on the new National Courses in the 'Updates and Announcements' section of the relevant **subject pages**. I would encourage you to make regular use of our subject pages, where you will find support documents, answers to common questions, and links to other areas of interest. You can also sign up for 'My Alerts', SQA's e-mail update service, that notifies you whenever content you are interested in is added or updated on SQA's website. Visit **[www.sqa.org.uk/myalerts](http://www.sqa.org.uk/myalerts)** to register.

We hope you find the following update helpful, and please contact us if you have any questions.

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## The Qualifications Team

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## Classical Greek Units

2015 is the final year for Course exams in Classical Greek. Unit provision will remain, and candidates can continue to be entered for Units studied. Centres should note that these are not tied to an exam diet and can be undertaken at any point in the academic year.

More information about Classical Greek Units can be found [here](#)

## Documents and assessment support materials

Assessment support materials are now available for the new National 1 to Advanced Higher Qualifications, marking a significant milestone. It is important that you read the full suite of documents for your Course, as well as those relating to assessment.

Further information on documents and assessment support materials can be found at [www.sqa.org.uk/supportdocuments](http://www.sqa.org.uk/supportdocuments)

## Updates to documents

### Advanced Higher documents

We are making planned updates to Advanced Higher documents. This follows the publication of Advanced Higher Specimen Question Papers, Coursework information and Unit assessment support packs. The updated Advanced Higher **Unit Specifications**, **Course Specifications** and **Course Assessment Specifications** are available now.

We will also update the Advanced Higher **Course and Unit Support Notes**, and finalise all packages of Advanced Higher **Unit assessment support** by the end of May 2015.

### Higher Latin Prescribed Text

The prescribed text for Higher has been revised, with slight amendments for clarity. No substantive changes have been made to any excerpts, but practitioners are encouraged to ensure they use the most up-to-date version for teaching purposes.

The revised text will be available online for the next academic session.

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## Support and guidance

### Round 1 Latin Verification Key Messages Reports

Principal Verifiers and Nominee colleagues have recently completed session 2015/16 Round 1 of Unit Verification of National Courses in Latin. Key Messages Reports for Round 1 are now available:

[http://www.sqa.org.uk/files\\_ccc/Latin\\_VKM\\_Round\\_1\\_2015.pdf](http://www.sqa.org.uk/files_ccc/Latin_VKM_Round_1_2015.pdf)

Key Messages Reports can be downloaded from the National 3, National 4, **National 5 and Higher Latin subject page** under 'Assessment Support' (verification heading).

### New Qualifications Support Team

Last autumn saw the first meeting of the NQST for Latin. These panels are made up of practitioners and stakeholders, and meet to discuss any issues with the new qualifications. This meeting was shared between Classical Languages and Classical Studies, and the meeting notes and action plan can be viewed [here](#).

If you would like to be involved in the 2015 NQST, please link to the online expression of interest form [here](#).

## Looking ahead to 2015/16

### Understanding Standards

In June 2015, we will publish further Understanding Standards packs for National 4 to Higher, which will contain candidate evidence and commentaries for Unit assessment.

The Understanding Standards programme will continue throughout session 2015/16, and will include Nominee training events, Course assessment events for National 5 and Higher, and Understanding Standards packs.

Nominee training events for Latin will take place on Wednesday 28 October 2015.

### Continuous Professional Development support

We will continue to offer subject-specific CPD support for new National Courses, where particular areas of concern are identified that are not already addressed by the Understanding Standards programme.

From August 2015, we will also offer subject-specific CPD support to assist teachers and lecturers with the implementation of the new Advanced Higher Courses.

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## Use of National 4 Added Value Units

From August 2015 onwards, you will have the option of developing your own National 4 Added Value Unit assessments for use with candidates. Please note that this is not a requirement and you can continue to use SQA-produced Added Value Unit assessments until further notice. Most SQA-produced Added Value Unit assessments already allow considerable flexibility in the choice of a context for the assessment, while some provide a context that you can change.

Further information can be found at [www.sqa.org.uk/unitassessment](http://www.sqa.org.uk/unitassessment)

## Advanced Higher Latin Exemplar Question Papers

In December 2015, we will publish Exemplar Question Papers for all new Advanced Higher Courses that include a question paper as part of the Course assessment.

Further information on Exemplar Question Papers, and other available assessment support materials, can be found at [www.sqa.org.uk/supportdocuments](http://www.sqa.org.uk/supportdocuments)

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