

Music Technology



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** to register.

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

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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

Updates to documents

Higher documents

The Course Assessment Specification, Course Specification and Music Technology in Context Unit Specification have been updated. These documents are available now.

The Course Assessment Specification has been updated to clarify that only one assignment is required. Some centres have queried whether or not two assignments were required as two contexts must be provided. The production should involve a combination of two or more contexts.

The Evidence Requirements of the Music Technology in Context Unit Specification have been amended to clarify that learners must provide evidence of their ability to apply music technology skills across at least three clearly different contexts.

The updated Course Specification is accompanied by a comparison document. The comparison document clearly illustrates what minor changes have been made and will help you to identify the updates quickly and easily. Comparison documents are available from the [subject pages](#) and sit alongside the 'clean' versions of the updated documents.

The Notification of Changes spreadsheets have been updated to reflect the latest changes to documents. You can view these spreadsheets at www.sqa.org.uk/cfesubjectchanges

Support and guidance

Understanding Standards materials for the National 5 and Higher Units, Music Technology Skills, Understanding 20th and 21st Century Music and Music Technology in Context are now available on SQA's secure site.

Looking ahead to 2015/16

Understanding Standards

In June 2015, we will publish further Understanding Standards packs which will contain candidate evidence and commentaries for Unit assessment and internally assessed Components of Course assessment.

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

A Nominee training event for Music Technology will take place on the following date:

- Tuesday 29 September 2015

An Understanding Standards event for Music Technology will take place in November 2015. This will focus on the externally assessed Course Components — assignment and question paper.

For more information on Understanding Standards, visit www.sqa.org.uk/understandingstandards

Continuing 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.

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

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