

Fashion and Textile Technology; Health and Food
Technology; Hospitality: Practical Cake Craft and
Hospitality: Practical Cookery



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, 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

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.

Further details of changes to Advanced Higher documents are outlined in the January 2015 subject update. 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

National 3 to Higher documents

We are updating the following published documents in May 2015.

An overview of the changes to each document is provided below:

Fashion and Textile Technology

Course and Unit Support Notes, National 3 – Higher:

- New information added to Course assessment appendices to provide clarification.
 - Wording amended to provide clarification and support information within the Course assessment appendices.
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Health and Food Technology

Course and Unit Support Notes, National 3 – Higher:

- Wording amended to provide clarification or to include additional information/guidance where appropriate.

Hospitality: Practical Cake Craft

Course and Unit Support Notes, National 5:

- Image changed to display good practice and hygiene.

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

Looking ahead to 2015/16

Understanding Standards

In June 2015, we will publish further Understanding Standards packs for National 1 to Higher, 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.

Nominee training events for our subjects will take place on the following dates:

- Fashion and Textile Technology – 24th September 2015
- Health and Food Technology – 30th September 2015
- Hospitality: Practical Cake Craft – 22nd September 2015
- Hospitality: Practical Cookery – 22nd September 2015

A nominee training event for Advanced Higher Health and Food Technology will take place in January 2016.

Please note these events are for Local Authority Nominees only.

Understanding Standards events for National 5 and Higher will be held next session. Details on how to book for the Understanding Standards events will be posted online in due course.

For more information on Understanding Standards, please visit:

www.sqa.org.uk/understandingstandards

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.

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

Advanced Higher 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

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