

Planned changes to Advanced Higher Statistics from session 2019–20



We are making some changes to the Advanced Higher Statistics course assessment for session 2019–20 onwards, in light of units being removed from the course. This will allow for all elements of the course to be assessed in the question papers, including those previously covered by unit assessments.

Summary of changes

Current course assessment		Revised course assessment	
Component	Marks	Component	Marks
Question paper	100	Paper 1 Paper 2	30 90

Advanced Higher Statistics question paper

Current question paper	Revised question papers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 100 marks ◆ 3 hours 	Paper 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 30 marks (25%) ◆ 1 hour Paper 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 90 marks (75%) ◆ 2 hours and 45 minutes

Reason for change

We are adding a second paper to assess skills covered in the units, which are being removed. The new paper will provide candidates with similar opportunities to demonstrate two main skills: to critique a statistical report and to interpret summary statistics. These skills are not assessed in depth in the current question paper.

Revised course specification

By the end of April 2019, we will publish a revised course specification that combines the current course specification and course assessment specification. We will add course support notes to the course specification as an appendix by the end of September 2019, to provide further clarification and guidance.

Assessment support materials

Between the end of May and the end of September 2019, we will publish revised specimen question papers and marking instructions to reflect the changes to the question paper and the addition of the new paper.

National Qualifications Support Team

To help us make the appropriate changes to the Advanced Higher course assessment, we consulted with our National Qualifications Support Team, which includes teachers and lecturers. We also consulted widely with teachers of statistics and statisticians in universities.

More information

For more information on changes to assessment in National Qualifications, please visit www.sqa.org.uk/nqchanges.

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