

## Planned changes to Higher Fashion and Textile Technology from session 2018-19

Units and unit assessments will be removed from the Higher Fashion and Textile Technology course from session 2018-19 onwards. We are strengthening the course assessment to ensure that candidates continue to be assessed on the full content of the course, and to maintain the current course value of 24 SCQF credit points.

In deciding the appropriate changes for the Higher course assessment, we consulted with our National Qualification Support Team (NQST), which includes teachers and lecturers.

### Overview of changes to the Higher course assessment

Current course assessment	Revised course assessment
Assignment and practical activity: 100 marks	Assignment and practical activity: 100 marks Question paper: 45 marks

### New question paper

Question paper from 2018-19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 hour 30 minutes</li><li>• Worth 45 marks</li><li>• 2 sections (Section 1 – 15 marks; Section 2 – 30 marks)</li></ul>

A new question paper component will be introduced to assess candidates' skills, knowledge and understanding that are currently assessed only in the units.

### Changes to the assignment and practical activity

The assignment and practical activity will now contribute 70% of the overall course award. Following the removal of units from the course, the design briefs for the assessment will now require candidates to address the factors influencing the target market (currently covered in the Fashion/Textile Choices unit), the properties and characteristics of the textiles and the construction techniques to be used in the solution (currently covered in the Textile Technologies unit).

Minor amendments will be made to the marks awarded in the assignment to align it with the revised National 5 assignment.

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## **Documents and assessment support materials**

More detail on the requirements for the Higher course assessment will be provided in the revised Higher course specification, which will be published at the end of April 2018. Course support notes will be added to the revised course specification as an appendix by the end of September 2018, to provide additional clarity and guidance.

The revised coursework assessment task will be published by the end of May 2018. A template for candidates to use when completing the assignment and practical activity will be published separately. A specimen question paper will be published that will illustrate the requirements of the new question paper. It will be published by the end of September 2018.

## **More information**

For more information on changes to assessment in National Qualifications, please visit [www.sqa.org.uk/nqchanges](http://www.sqa.org.uk/nqchanges)

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