

Planned changes to Higher Health and Food Technology from session 2018-19

Units and unit assessments will be removed from the Higher Health and Food 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
Question paper: 50 marks (50%) Assignment: 50 marks (50%)	Question paper: 60 marks (50%) Assignment: 60 marks (50%)

Changes to the question paper

Current question paper	Revised question paper from 2018-19
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 hour 30 minutes• Worth 50 marks (50%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 hours• Worth 60 marks (50%)• 5 questions (Question 1 – 20 marks; Questions 2 to 5 – 10 marks each)

The question paper will be extended by 10 marks, following the removal of units from the course, to sample knowledge that is not currently assessed within the course assessment. The duration of the exam will increase by 30 minutes to accommodate the additional marks.

Changes to the assignment

The assignment will be extended by 10 marks to mirror the revised National 5 assignment, ensuring a clear progression from National 5 to Higher.

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.

A revised coursework assessment task will be published by the end of May 2018, which will include a template for candidates to use when completing the assignment. A revised specimen question paper will be published that will illustrate the requirements of the new question paper. It will be published between the end of May and the end of September 2018.

More information

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