

## Planned changes to Higher Mathematics from session 2018-19

Units and unit assessments will be removed from the Higher Mathematics course from session 2018-19 onwards. We are strengthening the course assessment to ensure that it continues to assess candidates 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 from across Scotland, and representatives of professional bodies.

### Overview of changes to the Higher course assessment

Current course assessment	Revised course assessment
Question paper 1 – Non-calculator: 60 marks (46.2%) Question paper 2: 70 marks (53.8%)	Question paper 1 – Non-calculator: 70 marks (46.7%) Question paper 2: 80 marks (53.3%)

Both question papers will be extended to ensure that a greater number of skills are assessed, following the removal of units from session 2018-19.

### Changes to question paper 1 (Non-calculator)

Current question paper	Revised question paper from 2018-19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>60 marks</li> <li>Candidates have 1 hour 10 minutes to complete the question paper</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>70 marks</li> <li>Candidates have 1 hour 30 minutes to complete the question paper</li> </ul>

### Changes to question paper 2

Current question paper	Revised question paper from 2018-19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>70 marks</li> <li>Candidates have 1 hour 30 minutes to complete the question paper</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>80 marks</li> <li>Candidates have 1 hour 45 minutes to complete the question paper</li> </ul>

Both question papers will assess operational and reasoning skills, and will include both short answer and extended response questions. For each question paper, candidates will be provided with a separate answer booklet to record their answers.

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## Documents and assessment support materials

More detail 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.

We will produce revised specimen question papers to illustrate the requirements of the revised question papers. These will be published between the end of May and 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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