

Planned changes to Higher Physical Education from session 2018-19

Units and unit assessments will be removed from the Higher Physical Education 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, and representatives from professional bodies and teaching unions.

Overview of changes to the Higher course assessment

Current course assessment	Revised course assessment
Question paper: 40 marks (40%) Performance: 60 marks (60%)	Question paper: 50 marks (50%) Performance: 60* marks (50%)

**The performance will be scaled from 60 marks to 50 marks*

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 40 marks (40%) • 2 sections (Section 1 – 24 marks; Section 2 – 16 marks) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 hours 30 minutes • Worth 50 marks (50%) • 3 sections (Section 1 – 32 marks; Section 2 will range from 6–10 marks and Section 3 will range from 8–12 marks)

The question paper will be extended by 10 marks and the duration of the exam will increase by one hour to accommodate the additional marks. The skills of planning and evaluation will no longer be assessed in the performance component and will instead be assessed in the question paper.

Section 1 will require candidates to respond to questions on all 4 factors.

Section 2 will require candidates to apply the skills, knowledge and understanding gained from creating and implementing a Personal Development Plan, which was previously assessed in the Factors Impacting on Performance unit.

Section 3 will continue to be based on a scenario.

Changes to the performance

Current performance	Revised performance from 2018-19
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Worth 60 marks (60%)• Single performance of one physical activity• Carried out under some supervision and control• Internally assessed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Worth 60 marks (50%)• Two performances, each showing a different physical activity (30 marks each)• Carried out under some supervision and control• Internally assessed

Assessment standard 1.4 of the Performance Skills unit will now be incorporated into the performance. Candidates will now perform two different physical activities, each worth 30 marks. Each activity must provide them with the opportunity to display a significantly different range of movement and performance skills. This will enable candidates to demonstrate the breadth and application of the skills they have learned in the course within different contexts.

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.

We will publish a revised specimen question paper and coursework assessment task to reflect the changes to assessment. These materials 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.

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