



Common questions about National 4 and National 5 Course Practical Electronics

What software does SQA recommend?

SQA does not recommend any software. However, we do give a list of requirements in order to complete the tasks given within the Course.

Is the National 4 Added Value Unit going to change from year to year?

There are currently three Added Value Unit assessments to choose from. After the second year of implementation centres can create their own assessments for the Added Value Unit.

Our centre has an OLE server that won't work for images. Is it acceptable to use an attachment field instead?

Yes, an attachment field will be acceptable.

Is it necessary to ensure all candidates complete both the Added Value Unit and the National 5 Coursework task?

There is no obligation for National 5 candidates to undertake the National 4 Added Value Unit - centres should enter candidates for the Course at the level that they think is most appropriate.

Can the National 4 AVU be created from coursework tasks pupils have encountered as part of the National 5 course?

If you are registering the candidate for the N4 AVU, you will need to compare the evidence generated from the N5 Assignment against the Assessment Standards in the N4 AVU Assignment. The SQA Nat 4 AVU must be used in the first two years of delivery, and no changes can be made. While these may be similar in context they, both the N4 AVU and the N5 Assignment, are separate assessments, which require to be achieved. Both N4 and N5 assessments are available from the secure area of our website.

General Curriculum for Excellence questions and answers can be found on the [frequently asked questions section](#) of SQA's website.