

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What changes are we making to SQA Higher National Qualifications (HNs)?

We are changing the name of our SQA HNs for use in countries outside of Scotland.

The qualification aims, design principles, content, assessment standards and criteria will all remain exactly the same. This change does not apply to HNs delivered in Scotland.

2. Why are we renaming SQA HNs outside Scotland?

We took the decision after detailed consideration of a variety of factors.

This change will enable us to offer a unique SQA qualification outside of Scotland. It will also help customers, centres and other external stakeholders to differentiate more easily between our qualifications.

3. What are the new names for SQA HNs in markets outside of Scotland?

The SQA Higher National Diploma (HND) will be known as the SQA Advanced Diploma and the SQA Higher National Certificate (HNC) will be known as the SQA Advanced Certificate.

4. Will all SQA HN frameworks be renamed?

No. Through analysis of the frameworks that our customers use, or intend to use in the near future, we have a list of 75 HN frameworks that have been renamed — 44 HNDs and 31 HNCs. The full list of frameworks and relevant codes is available in the appendix.

5. What will this mean for our existing progression pathway(s)?

The existing progression pathway will stand and no additional mapping will be required.

6. What should I do with our existing articulation agreement or letter of recognition?

SQA's articulation team will contact you shortly with an appendix to the existing articulation agreement if applicable. This states you will recognise the SQA HND and the SQA Advanced Diploma for advanced entry as detailed in the existing agreement. The appendix will be attached to and become part of the articulation agreement.

This may be an appropriate time to revise the existing articulation agreement if there have been changes to your programmes which may impact on the existing mapping and credit transfer.

For those without a full articulation agreement, we will contact you shortly to update our existing letter of recognition.

7. How will this affect SQA centres?

The change of name means that SQA centres offering SQA HNs outside of Scotland will instead offer the SQA Advanced Diploma and/or SQA Advanced Certificate.

With the exception of a small number of centres in our UK market, existing centres in the countries below* who currently offer HNs will transition to the renamed qualifications over a set period (see timescales in Q8).

**China, Malaysia, Singapore, Myanmar, Indonesia, Brunei, Oman, Bahrain, UAE, Sri Lanka, Kazakhstan, Mauritius, India, Bangladesh, Maldives, USA, Canada, Angola and Pakistan.*

Scottish centres offering SQA HNs outside of Scotland will also offer the renamed qualifications but will continue to offer SQA HNs in Scotland.

New centres, or existing centres who wish to expand their SQA HN offering outside of Scotland will offer the renamed qualifications from now on.

Centres cannot offer or advertise any SQA HN courses **in any country not listed above** and will have to submit entries for SQA Advanced Diplomas/Certificates from now on.

8. What are the timescales for this change?

The renamed SQA Advanced qualifications will be available for entries from 26 March 2018.

Centres currently approved to deliver SQA HNs outside Scotland **in only the countries listed in Q7** can continue to submit:

- HN entries until **31 December 2018**
- HN results for SQA HN courses commenced prior to 31 December 2018 until **31 December 2021**

This means that from 1 January 2019 onwards, centres will have to submit entries for SQA Advanced Diplomas/Certificates rather than HNs.

9. When can I expect to receive applications from students who have achieved the SQA Advanced Diploma?

Centres will be able to enter students on the SQA Advanced Diploma from March 2018. Based on a two year completion period, you should start to see applications from students with the SQA Advanced Diploma from March 2020 onwards. The last date for submission of results for SQA HND students is 31 December 2021.

10. How can I access more details or support?

Any specific questions you have about the renaming of our qualifications and the impact on our progression pathway should be directed to our Articulation team — articulation@sqa.org.uk.

Appendix

Framework	HN code	New code
Accounting	G9M5 15	GM96 47
Accounting	G9M6 16	GM8G 48
Administration and Information Technology (Fixed Framework)	GM2W 16	GM68 48
Architectural Technology	GJ5N 15	GN0H 47
Architectural Technology	GJ5H 16	GM8V 48
Art and Design	G8KY 15	GN0P 47
Art and Design	G8L0 16	GM8M 48
Building Surveying	GJ5D 15	GN0K 47
Building Surveying	GJ5J 16	GN0M 48
Built Environment	GJ5P 15	GN0G 47
Business	G9ML15	GM8A 47
Business	G9MM 16	GM8Y 48
Business (Fixed Framework)	GE7X 16	GM51 48
Business with Accounting (Fixed Framework)	GE7Y 16	GM52 48
Business with Human Resource Management (Fixed Framework)	GE7V 16	GM53 48
Business with Information Technology (Fixed Framework)	GE81 16	GM55 48
Business with Marketing (Fixed Framework)	GE80 16	GM54 48
Chemical Engineering	GL69 15	GM9X 47
Chemical Process Technology	GL6A 15	GN10 47
Chemical Process Technology	GL6C 16	GM9W 48
Civil Engineering	GJ5E 15	GM97 47
Civil Engineering	GJ5K 16	GM95 48
Computer Aided Architectural Design & Technology	GL5D 15	GM9Y 47
Computer Aided Architectural Design & Technology	GL5E 16	GM8X 48
Computer Aided Draughting and Design	GL57 15	GN0Y 47
Computer Aided Draughting and Design	GL5A 16	GM9V 48
Computer Science	GG7D 16	GM91 48
Computing	GF3E 15	GM8K 47
Computing: Networking	GG7C 16	GM8F 48
Computing: Networking (Fixed Framework)	GG5K 16	GM59 48
Computing: Software Development	GG7E 16	GM92 48
Computing: Software Development (Fixed Framework)	GG5L 16	GM5A 48
Computing: Technical Support	GG7F 16	GM8E 48
Computing: Technical Support (Fixed Framework)	GG5M 16	GM5C 48
Construction Management	GJ5F 15	GN0J 47
Construction Management	GJ5L16	GM8D 48
Contracting Management	G94N 15	GM9T 47
Electronic Engineering (Fixed Framework)	GE8G 16	GM5D 48
Electronics	G7E8 15	GM8C 47
Electronics	G7E9 16	GM8T 48
Engineering Practice	G86L 15	GM9R 47
Engineering Systems	G85G 15	GM9P 47
Engineering Systems	G8G5 16	GM9N 48
Financial and Business Management	GJ13 16	GM8R 48

Financial Services (Fixed Framework)	GE9R 16	GM58 48
Global Trade and Business (Fixed Framework)	GG5F 16	GM57 48
Golf Club Management	GJ6X 15	GN4Y 47
Golf Course Management	GJ6Y 15	GN24 47
Golf Management	GJ70 16	GN23 48
Hospitality	GF4P 15	GM8P 47
Hospitality Management	GF4R 16	GM8W 48
Hospitality Management (Fixed Framework)	GG26 16	GM5E 48
Marine Engineering	GM1K 15	GN1Y 47
Marine Engineering	GM1J 16	GN20 48
Measurement and Control Engineering	G88N 15	GM9M 47
Measurement and Control Engineering	G88P 16	GM9L 48
Mechanical Engineering	G840 15	GM8L 47
Mechanical Engineering	G841 16	GM8J 48
Mechatronics	G87L 15	GM9K 47
Mechatronics	G87M 16	GM9J 48
Nautical Science	GM7P 15	GN21 47
Nautical Science	GM7N 16	GN22 48
Petroleum Engineering	G963 15	GM9H 47
Petroleum Engineering	G964 16	GN11 48
Poultry Production	G949 15	GN25 47
Professional Cookery	G7N4 15	GN0E 47
Professional Cookery	GF4T 16	GM90 48
Quantity Surveying	GJ5G 15	GN0L 47
Quantity Surveying	GJ5M 16	GM8N 48
Retail	GM6G 15	GN0F 47
Retail Management	GM6H 16	GM8H 48
Supply Chain Management (Fixed Framework)	GG2J 16	GM5G 48
Travel and Tourism	GF3F 15	GM9G 47
Travel and Tourism	GF3G 16	GN12 48
Travel and Tourism (Fixed Framework)	GG27 16	GM5F 48