



Psychology: arrangements for unit assessment for 2016–17 onwards

Early in 2016, we reviewed each subject area and published the results in the 'subject review reports' in May. Below is a summary of the changes made to unit assessment as part of this review.

From session 2016–17, a threshold approach will apply when judging assessment standards. If a candidate successfully meets the requirements indicated below, they have passed the unit and no re-assessment is required.

Freestanding SCQF level 5 units

- ◆ Individual Behaviour unit — only one approach is required for assessment standard 1.2 and this also reduces the demands for 1.3
- ◆ Research unit — only one advantage and one disadvantage is required for assessment standard 1.2 and this can be either an experimental or a non-experimental method
- ◆ Social Behaviour unit — the number of concepts is specified for assessment standard 1.3 and only one example of everyday social behaviour is required

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- ◆ Social Behaviour unit — the number of concepts is specified for assessment standard 1.1 and 1.3
- ◆ Research unit — either an experimental or a non-experimental method is required for assessment standard 1.2 and only one sampling method is required for assessment standard 1.4
- ◆ Research unit — candidates entered for the Higher course can use their assignment evidence to meet the assessment standards for this unit, reducing the duplication of assessment in this area

Note: you still must give candidates the opportunity to meet all assessment standards. The above thresholds are in place to reduce the volume of re-assessment.