

HN Business

Network Support Event

Thursday 8 February 2018



Programme

- ◆ SQA Update
- ◆ SEV Update
- ◆ Digital Tools for Delivery
- ◆ Lunch
- ◆ Developing and Customising Assessments (follow up)
- ◆ Break for tea/coffee and networking
- ◆ Preparing Students for Citizenship and Industry
- ◆ Plenary and Close

HNC/D Business Uptake

SQA Annual Statistical Report 2016

- ◆ HNC Business 6th – 913 entries (+113 / 2015)
- ◆ HND Business 2nd – 1584 entries (+133 / 2015)

2017 Report due for publication April 2018

Source: <https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/57518.8313.html>



Changes to Frameworks

IT in Business: Spreadsheets HH83 34

- ◆ Assessment content reduced
- ◆ New ASP published July 2017
- ◆ Combined ITBSS/ITAS1 ASP not updated but amends to align with new unit not extensive
- ◆ Example of amends to ITBSS/ITAS1 ASP to come later

Centres can deliver old unit (F84V 34) until 31/07/2019

Changes to Frameworks

ICT in Business HH87 35

- ◆ Assessment content reduced
- ◆ Outcome 2 focused on security
- ◆ New ASP published May 2017
- ◆ ICT in Business/Presentation Skills ASP not updated (Presentation Skills also reviewed)

Centres can deliver old unit (F84W 35) until 31/07/2019

Brexit?

- ◆ Considerable time before conclusion of negotiations
- ◆ Impact on HNC/D Business likely to be very modest
- ◆ Statement of Standards broad enough that change to Unit specification not required on this specific issue
- ◆ Impact most likely to be in learner responses to existing content
- ◆ A small number of ASPs will be affected

Brexit?

Only two direct references to EU across mandatory units:

- ◆ Business Law: An Introduction
 - Outcome 1: Sources of Scots Law (supremacy of EU Law)
- ◆ Economics 2: The World Economy
 - Outcome 1: Explain the role of one of three trading blocs: EU, NAFTA, ASEAN (relationship of UK with EU not a material relevance to EU's role)

Neither requires change to unit spec (possibly Guidance)

Brexit?

ASPs

- ◆ **Business Law: Intro** likely to require amendments (eg supremacy of EU Law)
- ◆ **Economics 2: World Economy** amend question on joining single currency?
- ◆ **Economic Issues: An Intro**
- ◆ **Economics 1: Micro and Macro**
 - students may reference Brexit in the examples they choose but not core to the knowledge and skills being assessed

HN Enhancements Pilot

‘The Piloting Enhancements to HN Qualifications to Support Articulation’ project was established to identify and develop ‘*enhancements*’ to SQA HNCs and HNDs to assist learners’ preparation for articulation to further study in four subject-areas: **Business, Computing, Electrical Engineering and Social Sciences.**

Alternative assessments have been developed with the aim of providing a greater range of assessment options and structures to support articulation within the sector and to help develop the learners needs



HN Enhancements Pilot

- ◆ Business Law: Intro
 - Reduced Assessment (with sampling)
 - Closed book Exam with cut-off score
- ◆ Economic Issues: An Introduction
 - Reduced Assessment (with sampling)
 - Closed book Exam with cut-off score
- ◆ BCS / Behavioural Skills for Business
 - Combined Assessment (with sampling)
 - Part A: Coursework Assessment with cut-off score
 - Part B: Closed book Exam with cut-off score
- ◆ Graded Unit 2 / Research Skills
 - Combined Assessment
 - Project Investigation with cut-off score

HN Enhancements Pilot

SQA Policy team investigating and scoping the way forward post June 2018

Alternative assessments likely to continue into 18/19

SQA Policy team will be authoring and publishing a new handbook to aid delivery from August 2018:

- ◆ *Handbook for SQA Centre Staff Implementing Graded Units in Higher National Certificates and Diplomas*

For more information contact: hnenhancementpilot@sqa.org.uk



Security of Assessments – Graded Unit 1

- ◆ Four ASPs for Graded Unit 1 available on SQA secure
- ◆ All ASPs available are valid for use
- ◆ Bank of ASPs not renewed annually
- ◆ **All ASP related materials must be retained in the centre – i.e. question papers & responses**
- ◆ Where an ASP is withdrawn SQA will notify centres and issue guidance

Understanding Standards

<http://www.understandingstandards.org.uk>

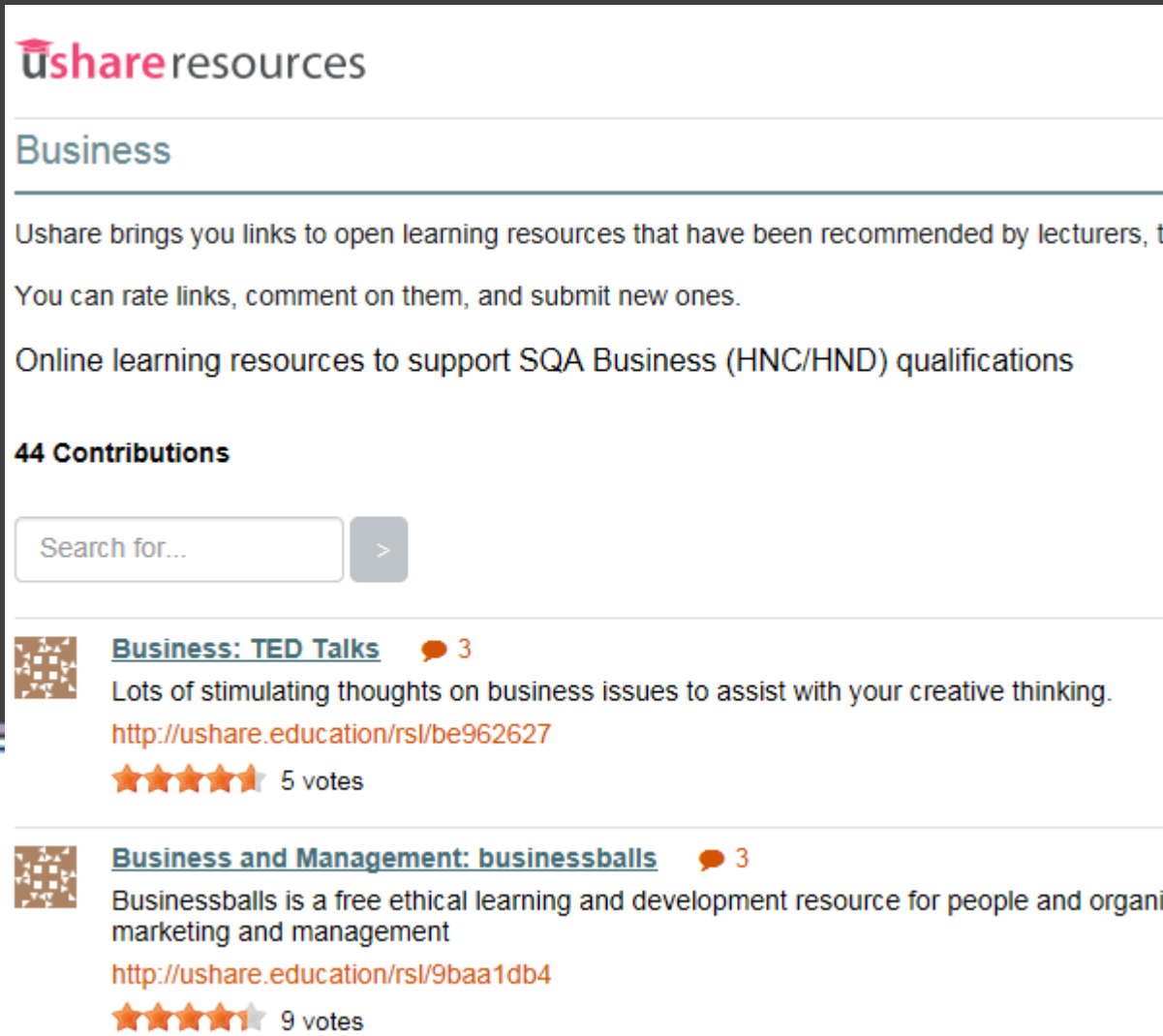
- ◆ Marked scripts with EV annotations for Graded Units 1&2
- ◆ Live assessments so password protected
- ◆ Must be stored securely
- ◆ Username/password can be obtained from:
mycentre@sqa.org.uk



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HN Business page <https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/67666.html>



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