

Applications of Mathematics, Mathematics, Mathematics of Mechanics, and Statistics

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Course reports

Please read the annual course reports for Applications of Mathematics and Mathematics. We produce these reports following the exam diet and they provide information on how candidates performed in course assessment for National Qualifications.

The course reports include a summary of areas candidates performed well in and areas candidates found demanding. They also contain advice on preparing future candidates and statistical data relating to grade boundaries. This year's course reports highlighted that numerical inaccuracies continued to cost candidates marks. Course reports are available from the subject pages of our website at www.sqa.org.uk/nqsubjects.

Higher

Online resources to help you prepare for Higher assessment

As part of our Understanding Standards programme, we are providing a range of online resources to help you develop your understanding of the standards required in the revised course assessments for Higher. We have tailored this to each subject. Resources may include:

- **Presentations with audio** — a subject-specific presentation with an audio narration, to talk you through the requirements of the Higher assessment.

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- **Webinar recordings** — recordings of recent online CPD webinar sessions delivered by our subject implementation managers, to guide you through the changes to assessment.
 - **Candidate evidence and commentaries** — examples of candidate assessment evidence with a written commentary, to explain why the evidence has or has not met the required standards for the revised assessment.

You can access these materials via the 'Understanding Standards' tab on the Higher subject page.

Find out more about the Understanding Standards programme at www.sqa.org.uk/understandingstandards.

Units that were previously part of the Higher course

The units that were previously part of the Higher course are now available as freestanding units at SCQF level 6. These units no longer contribute to the Higher course.

We have removed references to Higher courses from the freestanding unit specifications, which are available from the freestanding units web page for each subject. There is a link to the freestanding units page from the 'see also' section on the subject landing page at www.sqa.org.uk/nqsubjects.

Advanced Higher

Changes to assessment in Advanced Higher courses from session 2019–20

We will remove units and unit assessments from Advanced Higher courses for session 2019–20. We have started our review of the Advanced Higher course assessments and we have been working closely with our National Qualifications Support Teams (NQSTs) to identify the appropriate changes for each subject. Our NQSTs include teachers and lecturers who currently deliver National Courses and representatives of professional associations.

New and revised Advanced Higher materials will be published as follows:

End of April 2019	Revised Advanced Higher course specifications
End of May to end of September 2019	Course support notes New or revised specimen question papers

We will provide further information about the changes to Advanced Higher assessment by the end of January 2019.

Further information and guidance

Higher Mathematics course

Higher Mathematics is now assessed through the following components:

Component	Mark
Question paper — paper 1 (non-calculator)	70
Question paper — paper 2	80

Higher Mathematics candidates should understand, and know how to use, the terms 'domain' and 'range'. For clarification, we have included this information in a separate bullet point in the 'skills, knowledge and understanding for the course assessment' section of the course specification.

Please refer to the [Higher Mathematics Course Specification](#) for details.

Understanding Standards events

We are hosting the following Understanding Standards events:

National 5 Applications of Mathematics

2 October — Murrayfield, Edinburgh

4 October — Celtic Park, Glasgow

Advanced Higher Mathematics

6 March — Murrayfield, Edinburgh

12 March — Crowne Plaza, Glasgow

13 March — Hilton Doubletree, Aberdeen

14 March — Drumossie, Inverness

Advanced Higher Mathematics of Mechanics

5 March — Hilton Doubletree, Aberdeen

7 March — Grand Central Hotel, Glasgow

Advanced Higher Statistics

26 February — Hilton Doubletree, Glasgow

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