

## Design and Manufacture

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## Diet 2018

### Changes to documents following Diet 2018

Changes were made to the National 5 course specification document: under common materials, cast iron has been added; and under joining methods, 'adhesives' expanded to specify PVA and epoxy resin.

### Course reports

Please read the annual course report for Design and Manufacture. 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. Course reports are available from the [Design and Manufacture subject pages](#) of our website.

## Coursework

### Conditions of assessment for coursework

To ensure fairness for all candidates, it is essential that you apply the specified assessment conditions for coursework. During the 2018 diet, we saw an increase in incidences of potential malpractice, where some centres had not followed the required conditions of assessment.

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Please ensure you refer to the following documents when conducting coursework with your candidates. These documents detail the specific conditions of assessment that must be applied for each assessment:

- course specification (National 5 and Higher)
- course assessment specification (Advanced Higher)
- coursework assessment task

The Higher Design and Manufacture coursework assessment task will now be issued annually at the end of November and marked externally by SQA.

You must also refer to our [Guidance on conditions of assessment for coursework](#), which provides important information on the time and volume of assessment, the use of resources, and the supervision, control and authentication of assessment, including examples.

## Submitting coursework

Please ensure your candidates use the current, published coursework assessment tasks.

# Higher

## New and revised Higher documents and assessment support materials

Following the removal of units and unit assessments from the Higher Design and Manufacture course, we have strengthened the course assessment to ensure it assesses the full content of the course.

We have published revised course specifications and new and revised assessment support materials for the Higher course, which detail the requirements of the revised course assessments from session 2018–19 onwards. The documents are available from the [Higher subject web page](#). Further information on the changes to documents and assessment support materials is provided below.

The revised course assessment has two components. Component 1 consists of a question paper worth 80 marks. The duration of the question paper is 2 hours and 15 minutes. Component 2 consists of an assignment worth 90 marks.

### Course specification

In April 2018, we published a revised course specification which provides detailed information about the Higher course and course assessment, including the conditions of assessment that must be followed. The revised document was produced by merging the previous course specifications, course assessment specifications and general assessment information into a single, streamlined document. Course support notes have been added to the course specification as an appendix.

The course specification is available on the Higher Design and Manufacture web page.

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## Specimen question paper

We published a revised specimen question paper in June 2018. Marks in the specimen question paper have increased from 70 to 80. The question paper has two sections.

This document can be found on the Higher Design and Manufacture web page under the specimen question paper tab.

## Coursework assessment task

Assignments will be published annually at the end of November on our secure website. There will be a choice of three assignment briefs each year. The assignment will be marked externally by SQA.

We produced a specimen coursework task and pro formas in September 2018. This is available on the Higher Design and Manufacture web page under the coursework tab. It contains instructions for teachers and lecturers, marking instructions, and instructions for candidates for the assessment task.

## 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 for Design and Manufacture include:

- **Presentations with audio** — a subject-specific presentation with an audio narration, to talk you through the requirements of the Higher assessment
- **Candidate evidence and commentaries** — examples of candidate assessment evidence with a written commentary will be published following our Understanding Standards events, to explain why the evidence has or has not met the required standards for the revised assessment

You can access them via the 'Understanding Standards' tab on the Higher Design and Manufacture subject page.

Find out more about the Understanding Standards programme at [www.sqa.org.uk/understandingstandards](http://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](http://www.sqa.org.uk/nqsubjects).

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# 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:

<b>End of April 2019</b>	Revised Advanced Higher course specifications
<b>End of May to end of September 2019</b>	Course support notes New and revised specimen question papers New and revised coursework assessment tasks

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

## Further information and guidance

### Higher course events

We are hosting a series of subject-specific events that focus on the changes to assessment in Higher courses. The events are running in November 2018 and provide delegates with the opportunity to participate in workshops and discuss the course documents, as well as have their questions answered by senior examining team members.

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