

## Gàidhlig

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## Diet 2018

### Course reports

Please read the annual course reports for National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher Gàidhlig. 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 subject pages of our website at [www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/45675](http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/45675).

## 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.

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

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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.

Please note: a new template has been created for the submission of the National 5 and Higher assignment–writing. There is no longer a lined booklet.

Candidates must use the SQA approved template to produce their submission. The template is available in Microsoft Word format for teachers, lecturers and candidates to download and print. You can find it under the ‘Coursework’ tab on the [Gàidhlig subject page](#).

In February 2019, SQA will issue centres with the compulsory stationery (flyleaves and folders) for National 5 and Higher. SQA will uplift submissions to be externally marked.

Uplift dates for the assignment–writing are:

National 5 assignment–writing: 21 March 2019

Higher assignment–writing: 28 March 2019

Updated common questions and instructions for submitting coursework documents will soon be available on the [Gàidhlig subject pages](#).

## 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.
- **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](http://www.sqa.org.uk/understandingstandards).

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## 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/sqa/45675](http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/45675).

## 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

### Course specification in Gaelic

Gaelic versions of the National 5 and Higher Gàidhlig course specifications will be available soon. This includes the marking instructions for the extended-response coursework elements, assignment-writing and performance-talking, allowing centres to prepare candidates for these in Gaelic. We will notify centres through Centre News when these are available.

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## Stay informed

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