

Media

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Changes to documents following Diet 2018

National 5 course specification — assignment

Wording on submitting group productions has been clarified in the 'Supervision, control and authentication' section.

Course reports

Please read the annual course reports for Media. 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 <https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/45666.html>.

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
- coursework assessment task

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

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 include:

- **Presentations with audio** — a subject-specific presentation with an audio narration, to talk you through the requirements of the Higher assessment (currently available).
- **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 (to be published after Understanding Standards events).

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 <https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/45666.html>.

Further information and guidance

The Higher Media Course is now assessed through the following components:

Component	Mark	Scaled mark	Duration
Question paper 1: Analysis of media content	50	40	2 hours
Question paper 2: The role of media	20	Not applicable	1 hour
Assignment	60	Not applicable	Over time

Following consultation and a review of media courses offered by other awarding bodies, the concept of consumption has been moved from 'society' to 'audience'. This is also the case for National 5.

Understanding Standards events

We are running two Understanding Standards events for Higher Media. The focus of the events will be on the changes to the course. These events will provide delegates with the opportunity to participate in workshops covering both the question paper and assignment, discuss the course arrangements, as well as have their questions answered by senior examining team members. The events will take place on:

- 12 November 2018 — Dunblane
- 24 November 2018 — Glasgow

To view the event schedule and book your place, visit <http://www.sqa.org.uk/nqevents>.

All materials presented at the events will be published on our [Understanding Standards website](#).

Candidate exemplification

Exemplification of candidate responses to the 2018 National 5 Media question paper and assignment will be available, along with commentaries, on our Understanding Standards website.

Subject Implementation Manager

Matthew Smith is the Subject Implementation Manager for Media and is available to provide support visits to centres. Please get in touch if you would like to arrange a visit or require subject-specific advice.

Marker opportunities

There are marker opportunities for the Higher Media question paper and assignment. The generic marker application form is available on our website under '[Vacancies](#)'.

When submitting an application, please specify which component you would like to mark.

Ushare resources

We have posted a number of useful links to media-related resources on Ushare, which can be found under the 'Resources' tab on the National 5 and Higher Media subject pages. If you have found any useful links and would like to share them with fellow media practitioners, please make use of this facility.

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