

Practical Electronics

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Changes to documents following Diet 2018

In October 2018, minor amendments were made to the coursework assessment task to clarify the marking instructions. The word 'design' has been removed from the construction section to clarify that this section is assessing the construction of the solution, not the design.

Course reports

Please read the annual course report for National 5 Practical Electronics. 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. It also contains advice on preparing future candidates and statistical data relating to grade boundaries. The course report is available from the [National 5 Practical Electronics subject page](#) 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, overall 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.

Further information and guidance

Understanding Standards event

We are hosting an Understanding Standards event for the National 5 Practical Electronics course on Wednesday 7 November in Dunblane.

This event will focus on the revised National 5 course assessment, using candidate evidence from the 2018 diet to exemplify standards. It also provides a great opportunity for practitioners to come together and network with colleagues and to have their questions answered by senior SQA appointees.

To book a place, please use our online events booking system at <https://athena.sgameet.net>

Approval

Centres who are delivering the Practical Electronics course for the first time in session 2018–19, or introduce it in subsequent years, must seek approval from SQA.

You can find more information under the 'Information about obtaining approval' heading on the [National 5 Practical Electronics subject page](#).

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