



Dance

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Course reports

Please read the annual course reports for National 5 and Higher Dance. We produce these reports following the exam diet and they provide information on how candidates performed in course assessment for National Qualifications.

Course reports include a summary of areas candidates performed well in and areas candidates found demanding. They also contain advice on preparing candidates for future assessment, and statistical data relating to grade boundaries. Course reports are available from the subject pages of our website at www.sqa.org.uk/ngsubjects.

Information and guidance

Understanding Standards materials

New candidate evidence and commentary materials will be published in due course on our Understanding Standards website for National 5 and Higher question papers.

These materials contain examples of candidate assessment evidence and a commentary that explains why the evidence has, or has not, met the required marking criteria. Centres will be notified once these materials have been published. You can access Understanding

Standards materials via the 'Understanding Standards' tab on the [subject pages](#) of our website.

Units that were previously part of the National 5 and Higher courses

The units that were previously part of the National 5 and Higher courses are available as freestanding units at SCQF level 5 and 6. These units no longer contribute to the courses. We have removed references to 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 page](#).

The following amendments have been made to the Dance freestanding units following feedback from centres and verification:

- ◆ Dance: Choreography (SCQF level 5) J28D 75 — assessment standard 1.1 and 2.2 updated, timings also added
- ◆ Dance: Choreography (SCQF level 6) J28D 76 — assessment standard 1.1 and 2.2 updated, timings also added
- ◆ Dance: Technical Skills (SCQF level 6) J28C 76 — timings added

Please note that all unit assessment support packs will be updated to reflect these changes and centres will be notified when these are available.

The codes have also been updated in the unit specifications. The latest versions are available on [SQA's website](#).

2020 Diet — external assessment timetable and year planner

Assessment arrangements

The purpose of assessment arrangements is to provide disabled candidates with an equal opportunity to demonstrate their attainment in an assessment (ie to show the skills, knowledge and understanding they have achieved) without compromising the integrity of the assessment. Candidates are individuals with a diverse range of needs and it is important that you consider the individual assessment needs of your candidates when considering the most appropriate assessment arrangements.

Assessment arrangements can only be requested by the presenting centre (ie schools or colleges). If you have candidates who need assessment arrangements in their external exam (question paper) you must enter the details in the AAR system.

If you are requesting an adapted question paper or a digital question paper you must make your request by 31 January 2020.

For any other assessment arrangements (for example reader, scribe, extra time) you must make your request by 17 April 2020.

If you have candidates who need assessment arrangements in their performance you must submit full details of the proposed arrangement with candidate details for consideration by email to the Assessment Arrangements Team (aarequests@sqa.org.uk) by 31 January 2020. Please note that any proposed assessment arrangement **must be agreed** with the Assessment Arrangements Team before the visiting assessor visits. It is not the role of the visiting assessor to make any decision on assessment arrangements.

For further details, please see the [Assessment Arrangements section](#) of SQA's website.

External assessment timetable and year planner	
31 January 2020	The deadline for requesting adapted or digital question papers is 31 January 2020 . The deadline for requesting assessment arrangements for visiting assessment is 31 January 2020 .
February to April 2020	The visiting assessment period for National 5 and Higher Dance will run from 10 February to 24 April 2020 .
20 May 2020	Exam: National 5 Higher

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