



Geography

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Course reports

Please read the annual course reports for National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher Geography. 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.

Coursework

Submitting coursework

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

Ahead of the uplift of coursework materials for National 5 and Higher Geography, we would like to remind you that candidates are required to submit their processed information sheets along with their coursework. A penalty will be applied in the case of non-submission — details can be found in the course specification.

Further information can be found in our [Coursework for External Assessment](#) document and the subject pages of our website at www.sqa.org.uk/nqsubjects.

Information and guidance

Scaling calculator

A scaling calculator is available for download from the NQ support and resources section of our website at www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/2904.html.

Due to the scaled marks in Higher Geography question papers, you may find this a useful aid in relation to your prelim marks.

Higher Geography

Our Higher Geography webinar will take place on 13 November 2019.

An audio presentation and downloadable materials relating to the webinar will be published on the Understanding Standards pages of our website in December 2019.

Verification Key Messages

Key messages from round 1 and 2 of verification of session 2018–19 are available on the relevant subject pages of our website. You can access them from the 'Course Reports' and 'Verification and Course Reports' tabs.

The reports provide comments on good practice for assessment approaches and for making assessment judgements.

Prior verified materials

When using prior verified materials obtained from another centre, please ensure that these match the current assessment standards as published in the unit specifications and unit assessment support packs. Some centres are using prior verified materials which are no longer valid.

Appointee and marker vacancies

We are currently recruiting for Item writers/checkers at Advanced Higher level. More information is available on the [appointee opportunities section](#) of our website.

We are recruiting markers at all levels and would particularly welcome applications from markers who can mark Geography in the medium of Gaelic.

Advanced Higher

Online resources to help you prepare for Advanced Higher assessment

The course specification and support notes, specimen question paper and the coursework assessment task have been published on our website. You are reminded that, while there have been no changes to course content for Advanced Higher Geography, there is now flexibility in relation to the number of questions which will appear in the question paper. This is detailed in the course specification and support notes, and exemplified in the specimen question paper.

As part of our Understanding Standards programme, a range of supportive resources to help you develop your understanding of the standards required in the course assessments for Advanced Higher are available. This includes audio presentations, published candidate evidence and commentary materials, and a webinar recording. In addition we have arranged two Understanding Standard events. These will take place as follows:

- ◆ Perth — 30 October 2019
- ◆ Glasgow — 31 October 2019

A small number of places are still available via our event booking system:

<https://athena.sgameet.net/>

The materials from the events will be published on the Understanding Standards pages of our website.

You can access Understanding Standards materials via the 'Understanding Standards' tab on the subject pages of our website at <https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/48465.html>

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