



Media

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Diet 2019

Changes to documents following Diet 2019

We have updated the assignment marking instructions in the *Higher Media Course Specification* to provide further guidance on the range of acceptable responses for sections 2a and 2b.

Please ensure candidates use the current, published coursework assessment task and specimen question papers.

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.

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/nqsubjects.

Information and guidance

Higher question paper 1 duration

Please note that the new duration of Higher question paper 1 — Analysis of media content is 2 hours and 30 minutes.

We found some evidence that candidates would benefit from additional reading time and, as a result, we have added 15 minutes to the duration of this question paper, making the new duration 2 hours and 30 minutes. This change is reflected in the published 2020 exam timetable and the course specification.

Updated unit assessment support packs for SCQF level 5 and 6 freestanding Media units

We have updated the following unit assessment support packs to add clarification to the judging evidence tables:

- ◆ *Media: Analysing Media Content* (SCQF level 5) package 1
- ◆ *Media: Analysing Media Content* (SQQF level 6) package 1
- ◆ *Media: Analysing Media Content* (SQQF level 6) package 2
- ◆ *Media: Creating Media Content* (SQQF level 6) package 1
- ◆ *Media: Creating Media Content* (SQQF level 6) package 2
- ◆ *Media: Analysing Media Content* (SCQF level 6) and *Media: Creating Media Content* (SCQF level 6) combined package 3

The updated unit assessment support packs are available from our secure website. You can arrange access through your SQA co-ordinator.

Understanding Standards event

We are running an Understanding Standards event for Higher Media. This event will provide delegates with the opportunity to participate in workshops covering the question papers and assignment, discuss the course arrangements, and have their questions answered by senior examining team members.

The event will take place on 2 November 2019 in Glasgow.

To view the event schedule and book your place, visit www.sqa.org.uk/ngevents.

All materials presented at the event will be published on the Understanding Standards website.

National 5 webinar

We are running a webinar for National 5 Media in January 2020. The session will cover the standards required for the National 5 Media assignment and question paper, and discuss good practice in preparing candidates for assessment.

To book your place, visit www.sqa.org.uk/nqevents.

All materials presented during the webinar will be published on the Understanding Standards website.

National Progression Award in Film and Media at SCQF level 5

We have developed a new National Progression Award (NPA) in Film and Media at SQCF level 5 (GP8C 45). This group award will provide progression to the existing NPA in Film and Media at SCQF level 6. You can find further information about this award in the [group award specification](#).

Please note that NPAs are no longer auto approved. Centres wishing to deliver this qualification during session 2019–20 must apply for approval. For more information about applying for approval, visit the [National Qualification approval process](#) page on our website.

National 5 and Higher assignment submissions

Please note that page 6 of the updated [Coursework for External Assessment](#) document includes specific information for Media assignment submissions. It lists the documents and files that must be provided for each candidate for the National 5 and Higher Media assignments, and the format(s) they can be submitted in.

Please refer to page 6 of [Coursework for External Assessment](#) for full details.

2019 scaling calculator

We have launched a new scaling calculator. You can use this to calculate the scaled mark for Higher question paper 1 (Analysis of media content) and to calculate the total mark for the Higher Media course.

You can download the calculator from the [Exam support and forms](#) section of our website.

As a reminder, the following scaling applies to Higher Media:

Component	Marks	Scaled mark	Duration
Component 1: question paper 1 — analysis of media content	50	40	2 hours and 30 minutes
Component 2: question paper 2 — the role of media	20	no scaling	1 hour
Component 3: assignment	60	no scaling	Over time

If you have any queries about scaling you can contact our Data Services team by emailing national.qualifications@sqa.org.uk.

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