

Psychology

The Qualifications Team

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Course reports

Please read the annual course reports for National 5 Psychology and Higher Psychology. 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.

Ethical requirements for the assignment

A significant number of plans and reports submitted by candidates, as part of the National 5 and Higher Psychology assignments involve procedures that were not compliant with the British Psychological Society (BPS) guidelines and SQA ethical guidance. More detail is provided in the course reports for National 5 Psychology and Higher Psychology along with advice on preparing future candidates for the assignments. You must ensure that candidates' plans comply with the British Psychological Society's guidelines, and SQA's ethical guidance, before they start their assignments.

Information and guidance

Understanding Standards

National 5 CPD webinar

A webinar designed to support teachers and lecturers in relation to the National 5 Psychology course assessment will take place on Wednesday 6 November.

Following this, the webinar and associated materials will be published on SQA's Understanding Standards website. Understanding Standards materials contain real examples of candidate evidence from course assessments, along with a commentary that explains why the evidence has or has not met the required standard. These materials are a really useful resource for helping you to strengthen your understanding of the standards required for assessment.

You can book a place on this webinar on SQA's Understanding Standards web page, under ['Webinars 2019–20'](#).

Higher CPD events

Two Understanding Standards events are being held in November to support teachers and lecturers in relation to the Higher Psychology course assessment for the 2018–19 session. These events are for practising teachers and lecturers delivering National Qualifications in Psychology.

These events will provide delegates with the opportunity to participate in workshops related to both the Higher Psychology question paper and assignment, as well as have their questions answered by the senior examining team.

For further information, and to book a place on one of the Higher Psychology events, visit the ['Understanding Standards'](#) section on SQA's website.

We will continue to publish new Understanding Standards materials throughout session 2019–20, and you can access them from SQA's Understanding Standards website: www.understandingstandards.org.uk

National Qualifications Support Team

We would like to add to the existing membership of the Psychology National Qualifications Support Team (NQST).

NQSTs are subject-specific stakeholder consultation groups that feed back to SQA on the assessment of National Qualifications. These groups communicate via secure online discussion forums as well as an annual face-to-face meeting.

For more information and to express an interest in joining the team, visit www.sqa.org.uk/ngst

Marker recruitment opportunities for 2020

We are now accepting marker applications from teaching professionals to contribute to the 2020 exam diet. If you are interested in joining us as a marker please visit the appointee opportunities section of our website where you will find a marker advert for all subjects and levels, with details of the role.

Becoming a marker helps to increase your awareness of the demands of course assessment and provides excellent professional and personal development.

Please check www.sqa.org.uk/appointees regularly for other appointee opportunities which may be of interest to you.

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