



# **Common questions about National 3, National 4, National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher Health and Food Technology**

## **Do centres have to use the assignment briefs provided by SQA?**

For the National 4 Added Value Unit centres may use the briefs in the unit assessment support pack, or devise their own brief. Centres that choose to devise their own Added Value Unit assessment should follow the guidelines in the 'Assessment overview' section of the National 4 Added Value Unit assessment support pack, to ensure that candidates can generate evidence to meet all assessment standards.

For National 5 and Higher, candidates must use the briefs provided by SQA. Candidates will have a choice of two briefs, published annually in September on SQA's secure site.

Please note: centres must ensure that they use the correct assignment briefs for the current session. You must make sure that National 5 and Higher assignments are submitted using the most up-to-date version of the candidate workbook.

## **How many respondents are needed for a questionnaire at National 5 or Higher?**

There is an appendix in the course support notes for each level, which gives advice on research techniques. The course support notes can be found in the National 5 and Higher Health and Food Technology Course Specifications on [SQA's subject pages](#).

## **What is the submission date for the National 5 and Higher assignments?**

*Delivering National Qualifications: Guide for SQA Co-ordinators* provides exact dates each year.

## **What dietary advice would be acceptable for assessment purposes?**

The course specification states 'current dietary advice'. There is a lot of dietary advice that is described as 'current'; SQA will accept any dietary advice from a credible source as correct.

## **Where can additional support materials be found?**

Understanding Standards materials for unit assessments can be found in the Understanding Standards tab in the secure site. Materials from assignments and question papers from previous exam diets can be found on the Understanding Standards website at [www.understandingstandards.org.uk](http://www.understandingstandards.org.uk). PowerPoint presentations and workshop materials can be found by following the link for Understanding Standards events materials on the [Health and Food Technology subject pages](#).

## **Are unit assessments carried out under examination conditions?**

Centres should refer to the 'Assessment conditions' section of the unit assessment support packs for individual unit assessment conditions.

## **Can the unit assessment in the support pack be amended before use?**

All unit assessment support packs are produced in Word. This allows centres to alter the layout of the assessment to suit their candidates, for example to allow more space for candidate responses. However, if the method used by candidates to provide evidence for the assessment standards is altered, then this should be prior verified before use.

## **At Higher, what consumer legislation should be taught?**

As candidates must be able to source information and advice about food issues, this should include current legislation relevant to health and food technology. Questions that may appear in a question paper will be sufficiently open to allow candidates to be credited with any correct response referring to appropriate current legislation.

National Qualification questions and answers can be found on the [frequently asked questions section](#) of SQA's website.

Questions and answers on the changes to National Courses can be found at [www.sqa.org.uk/nqchanges](http://www.sqa.org.uk/nqchanges)