

# Equality Review Summary



<b>Qualification</b>	Lifeskills Mathematics
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<b>Level</b>	National 5
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## REVIEW OF NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS EQUALITY REVIEW

<b>Date of review</b>	30/06/2017
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### Coursework and/ or Question Paper revisions

Both questions papers are being extended to ensure they sample a greater amount of course content, following the removal of units. Question paper 1 will increase from 35 marks to 45 marks and question paper 2 will increase from 55 to 65 marks. The duration of the exam will also increase as a result. There has been a marginal change in the weighting between question papers 1 and 2 but this should have no overall impact on the assessment of mandatory knowledge and skills across the two papers.

As a result of feedback from stakeholders, Lifeskills Mathematics will be renamed from session 2017-18 onwards and we will consult with teachers and other key stakeholders before a final decision is made regarding the title.

### Equality & inclusion issues

No changes have been made to the aims, rationale or content of the course. Only the Course assessment have changed as outlined above. This means that the original equality review carried out and attached remains valid and fit for purpose. It should be noted however, that the Units, which were a feature of the original ERF, have now been removed.

### Extended Question Papers

#### Disability

Some disabled candidates may be adversely affected by the introduction of an extended question paper. For example, candidates with physical disabilities or those unable to concentrate for extended periods may have difficulties demonstrating their attainment. Other disabled candidates such as those with mental health difficulties or emotional behavioural difficulties may find the longer examination experience overly stressful.

#### Religion and belief

Some candidates may experience fatigue and be adversely affected in an extended question paper because they are fasting, for example this could impact on Muslim candidates who fast during Ramadan.

### Actions that will mitigate any adverse impact outlined above

While it is not possible to exempt disabled learners from the external QP at National 5 where this is an integral assessment component, the provision of appropriate assessment arrangements and other supportive practices will mitigate the adverse impact for many disabled candidates. For example, by the careful consideration of the amount of extra time being requested and by further consideration being given as to whether there are any other more appropriate assessment arrangements such as using ICT and/or assistive technologies or the inclusion of rest breaks.

It is not possible for SQA to take all possible religious festivals and periods of observance into account when constructing the exam timetable. SQA will take into account, through its exceptional circumstances process, any negative impact such as a candidate being unwell caused by fasting during an examination.

**ORIGINAL NATIONAL QUALIFICATION DEVELOPMENT EQUALITY REVIEW**

**Date of review** | 13/01/2015

**Summary of Conclusion and recommendation**

Lifeskills Mathematics does present potential barriers for some disabled learners but the availability of technological and personal support, together with the degree of flexibility in the nature of evidence described in the evidence requirements means that this qualification is accessible to a very wide range of disabled learners.