

Equality Review Summary



Qualification	Sociology
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Level	National 5
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REVIEW OF NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS EQUALITY REVIEW

Date of review	21/01/2019
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Coursework and/ or Question Paper revisions

There will be no change to the assignment, however the revised course documentation will provide further clarification on the conditions for assessment. The clarification of the conditions of assessment for the assignment, and the adjustment of the component weightings, will enhance the reliability of the course assessment.

The question paper will be extended to ensure it samples a greater amount of course content. It will include more questions and the number of available marks will increase from 50 marks to 70 marks. The duration of the exam will therefore also increase.

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.

Extension of question paper

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

The open and flexible evidence requirements for this Course allow learners to provide evidence for assessment in a way and format that suits their needs. A range of support for learners will continue to be appropriate, such as scribes, readers and assistive technologies/ICT. Support Notes will guide centres to apply sensitivity to their learners when selecting topics and issues for learning and assessment. It is also recommended that any case study, scenario or stimulus materials be inclusive and do not promote stereotypes. Teachers and lecturers will be advised in Support Notes to be vigilant to signs of discomfort and distress in learners when covering potentially sensitive topics or issues. Overall, it is not envisaged that exemption will be required.