



Annual Update for Higher National Qualifications (April 2025)

This report lists additions, revisions and withdrawals to SQA's portfolio of Higher National Qualifications. It covers Higher National units, Higher National Certificates, Higher National Diplomas and Professional Development Awards. The report is aimed at SQA Co-ordinators and practitioners in SQA approved centres to assist with planning for the academic session by providing:

- information about the currency of units and Group Awards
- early notification to staff delivering units that are being withdrawn
- information to help raise staff awareness of new units and Group Awards in their specialist areas.

The information in this report is also contained in the [Catalogue of Higher National Qualifications](#). The catalogue is updated regularly throughout the year and contains the most up-to-date information about available HN provision. Further information about new and revised HN units and HN Group Awards can be found on the [HN section of SQA's website](#). Information about new and revised PDA awards can be found on the [PDA section of SQA's website](#). The [Unit Search](#) allows you to search for HN units by keyword, title or code.

The [HN Notification of Changes to Unit Specifications and Frameworks](#) is also updated regularly. It shows:

- a summary of changes to units that warrant a new version number
- where a finish date has been removed or extended
- framework changes
- verification group changes
- qualifications that have been withdrawn

This report has four sections:

Section 1: New: a list of Higher National Group Awards developed for implementation in **2025-26**

Section 2: New: a list of Higher National units developed for implementation in **2025-26**

Section 3: Withdrawal: a list of Higher National Qualifications withdrawn from SQA's portfolio

Section 4: Withdrawal: a list of Higher National units withdrawn from SQA's portfolio

Glossary of Terms

Approval

This report includes information about the approval implications for new and revised Higher National Courses, Group Awards and units.

Devolved Approval (designated Scottish colleges only) When approval for a qualification is 'devolvable' to centres, this refers only to centres that have gained devolved authority for approval (select Scottish colleges only). Other centres seeking to offer these qualifications can contact our Customer Service Team on 0303 333 0330, complete the [centre enquiry form](#) or refer to the [Deliver SQA Qualifications](#) website for further guidance

'Approval extended' means that a qualification is replacing an existing qualification and there are no significant changes that would affect a centre's ability to deliver it. Where centres were approved to offer the existing qualification, approval has been extended to them for the new one. For schools and colleges, this applies to qualifications not on the automatically approved list. For other centres, this applies in any case where a qualification is replacing an existing qualification and there are no significant changes that would affect a centre's ability to deliver it.

Section 1: Higher National Group Awards starting 1 August 2025

There are currently no new Higher National Group Awards starting 1 August 2025

Non-regulated work-based Group Awards starting 1 August 2025

There are currently no new non-regulated work-based Group Awards starting 1 August 2025

Higher National Group Awards starting 1 August 2024

Below is a list of Professional Development Award group awards which have been developed since the 2024 report with a start date of **1 August 2024**

Title	Code	Devolved Approval (designated Scottish colleges only)	New/ Revision	Approval Extended	Previous Code
3D Modelling and Energy	GV6G 48	Yes	New	n/a	n/a
Design of Building Services	GV6H 48	Yes	New	n/a	n/a
Digital Surveying	GV6J 48	Yes	New	n/a	n/a
Environmental Sustainability	GV6K 48	Yes	New	n/a	n/a
Low Energy Construction	GV6C 48	Yes	New	n/a	n/a
Modern Methods of Construction	GV6D 48	Yes	New	n/a	n/a
Planning and Building Standards	GV6E 48	Yes	New	n/a	n/a
Residential Design	GV6F 47	Yes	New	n/a	n/a

Non-regulated work-based Group Awards starting 1 August 2024

There were no new non-regulated work-based Group Awards starting 1 August 2024 developed since the last report in 2024

Section 2: Higher National Units starting 1 August 2025

Title	Code	Devolved Approval (designated Scottish colleges only)	New/ Revision	Approval Extended	Previous Code
Criminology: The Accused's Journey	J8R1 34	Yes	Revision	Yes	J00G 34

Higher National Units starting 1 August 2024

Below is a list of Higher National units which have been developed since the 2024 report with a start date of **1 August 2024**

Title	Code	Devolved Approval (designated Scottish colleges only)	New/ Revision	Approval Extended	Previous Code
Children's Reporter Practice: The	J8EE 37	No	Revision	Yes	J2AA 37
Contemporary Policing in Scotland	J8RK 34	Yes	Revision	Yes	F0EA 35
Domestic Abuse Court Advocacy	J8NP 34	No	Revision	Yes	J85N 34
Equine Studies: Equitation Flatwork	J8MR 34	Yes	New	n/a	n/a
Equine Studies: Equitation Jumping	J8MT 34	Yes	New	n/a	n/a

Section 3: Higher National Group Award — Withdrawals

The qualifications listed below will no longer be available after **31 July 2025**:

Title	Code	Finish Date	Revised by
Advanced Manufacturing	GR2M 47	31/07/2025	n/a
Advancing Equality and Diversity through Inclusiveness	GM11 49	31/07/2025	n/a
Agricultural Science	G906 16	31/07/2025	n/a
Applied Practitioner Studies in TESOL	GC3D 50	31/07/2025	n/a
Arboriculture and Urban Forestry	G93L 15	31/07/2025	n/a
Arboriculture and Urban Forestry	G93M 16	31/07/2025	n/a
Art Glass Production	G8RG 16	31/07/2025	n/a
Barbering	GM03 47	31/07/2025	n/a
Care and Administrative Practice	GD0A 16	31/07/2025	n/a
Care and Administrative Practice	GL7W 15	31/07/2025	n/a
Cemetery Operations	GP5P 46	31/07/2025	n/a
Coaching and Developing Sport	GD7G 16	31/07/2025	GR5J 16
Community Involvement	GK6D 47	31/07/2025	n/a
Competition Horse Care	GP2W 47	31/07/2025	n/a
Contemporary Dance Performance	G8LA 16	31/07/2025	n/a
Contemporary Fashion Corsetry	G9GT 47	31/07/2025	n/a
Contracting Management	G94N 15	31/07/2025	n/a
Customer Service within a Public Sector Organisation	GA7V 48	31/07/2025	n/a
Cyber Resilience	GR3V 49	31/07/2025	n/a
Data Science	GR66 49	31/07/2025	n/a
Debt Recovery	GG9N 48	31/07/2025	n/a
Digital Media for Design and Print	G8VJ 16	31/07/2025	n/a
Display Design	G93W 16	31/07/2025	n/a
Domestic Conveyancing	GG7V 48	31/07/2025	n/a
Ecological Surveying	GC3N 47	31/07/2025	GV2Y 47
Employment Law	GD22 48	31/07/2025	n/a
Engineering Practice: Electrical Engineering	G9MR 47	31/07/2025	n/a
Engineering Practice: Engineering Maintenance	G9MV 47	31/07/2025	n/a
Environmental Management and Sustainability	G9C2 16	31/07/2025	n/a
Events Operations	GJ2W 47	31/07/2025	n/a
Facilities Management	GP05 16	31/07/2025	n/a
Family Law	GD3K 48	31/07/2025	n/a
Family Learning	GP5T 48	31/07/2025	n/a
Fish Farming	G95W 15	31/07/2025	n/a
Food Science	GP9J 47	31/07/2025	n/a
Food Science and Technology	G9DD 15	31/07/2025	n/a
Food Science and Technology	G9PX 16	31/07/2025	n/a
Food Technology	GP9H 47	31/07/2025	n/a
Green Technology	G905 16	31/07/2025	n/a
Hospitality Management	GL7N 48	31/07/2025	n/a
Industrial Automation	GR2N 47	31/07/2025	n/a
Intelligence Analysis	GF61 49	31/07/2025	n/a
Leadership and Change	G9CN 48	31/07/2025	n/a
Leadership and Management of the Work of Others	GM74 47	31/07/2025	n/a

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Leading Change	GC6G 49	31/07/2025	n/a
Management	G972 46	31/07/2025	n/a
Management and Leadership	GP57 15	31/07/2025	n/a
Management and Leadership	GP56 48	31/07/2025	n/a
Managing and Leading a Curriculum Team	G8RE 49	31/07/2025	n/a
Managing Finances	GM6Y 48	31/07/2025	n/a
Managing Self and Others	G9CR 47	31/07/2025	n/a
Managing Self and Others	G9CT 48	31/07/2025	n/a
Measurement and Control Engineering	G88P 16	31/07/2025	n/a
Operations and Management of Visitor Attractions	GT13 48	31/07/2025	n/a
Organisational Ethics and Decision Making	G9M9 51	31/07/2025	n/a
Organisational Leadership	G9CV 49	31/07/2025	n/a
Petroleum Engineering	G963 15	31/07/2025	n/a
Petroleum Engineering	G964 16	31/07/2025	n/a
Photography: Moving Image	GN00 48	31/07/2025	n/a
Planning and Implementing Change	GM7E 49	31/07/2025	n/a
Plastering	G9P6 47	31/07/2025	n/a
Poultry Production	G949 15	31/07/2025	GV1N 15
Practical Journalism with Shorthand	GP2G 16	31/07/2025	n/a
Practice-based Learning for the Creative and Cultural Industries: Creative Business Development and Support	GL4M 51	31/07/2025	n/a
Practice-based Learning for the Creative and Cultural Industries: Cultural Learning	GL4R 51	31/07/2025	n/a
Renal Dialysis Practice: Assistant Practitioner	GL56 48	31/07/2025	n/a
Software Development	GL14 49	31/07/2025	n/a
Strategic Leadership	GM7C 51	31/07/2025	n/a
Strategic Management	GF93 48	31/07/2025	n/a
Supporting Individuals with Dyslexia in Learning and Workplace Settings	G8LK 47	31/07/2025	n/a
Sustainable Resource Management	GJ0T 15	31/07/2025	n/a
Textile Design for Garments	G9F9 47	31/07/2025	n/a
Trade Union Organising for Lifelong Learning	GG25 47	31/07/2025	n/a
Understanding HIV and AIDS	GL90 47	31/07/2025	n/a
Veterinary Nursing	GE97 16	31/07/2025	n/a
Workplace Coaching	GK7E 47	31/07/2025	n/a

*table above updated 17/4/25

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- no new centres may be approved to offer the qualification
- centres should only enter candidates whom they expect to complete the qualification during the defined lapsing period

Title	Code	Finish Date	Revised by
Advertising and PR	GN5G 16	31/07/2026	GT4L 16
Bricklaying	GM4N 46	31/07/2026	GR9H 46
Carpentry and Joinery	GM4P 46	31/07/2026	GR9F 46
Education Support Assistance	G9G4 46	31/07/2026	GV17 46
Equine Breeding	GP2X 47	31/07/2026	n/a
Floorcovering	GM4R 46	31/07/2026	G9RJ 46
Marketing	GN5J 16	31/07/2026	GT4M 16
Marketing Communications	GN5H 15	31/07/2026	GT4N 15
Network Technology	G8L5 48	31/07/2026	n/a
Painting and Decorating	GM4T 46	31/07/2026	GR9G 46
Plastering	GM4V 46	31/07/2026	GR9K 46
Professional Golf	G90E 16	31/07/2026	n/a
Roofing	GM4W 46	31/07/2026	GR9L 46
Stonemasonry	GM4X 46	31/07/2026	GT06 46
Trade Union Organising and Representation	GG2E 15	31/07/2026	n/a
Wall and Floor Tiling	GM4Y 46	31/07/2026	GR9M 46
Woodmachining	GM50 46	31/07/2026	GT07 46
Electronic Fire and Security Systems	GJ7L 46	31/07/2028	GV4L 46

Section 4: Higher National Unit — Withdrawals

The units listed below will no longer be available after **31 July 2025**:

Title	Code	Finish Date	Revised by
Assist in a Sport or Fitness Related Event	FW66 34	31/07/2025	n/a
Auditing Management Systems	DW6E 34	31/07/2025	n/a
Coaching of Sports Performance Development	FX9N 35	31/07/2025	n/a
Coaching of Sports: An Introduction	FW5R 34	31/07/2025	n/a
Conduct and Ethics for Sport and Fitness Practitioners	FW5N 34	31/07/2025	n/a
Contemporary Policing	F0EA 35	31/07/2025	J8RK 34
Dental Nursing: Preparing a Practice for Inspection	FN3V 35	31/07/2025	J7KX 35
Developing Potential in Sport	FX9X 35	31/07/2025	n/a
Domestic Abuse in Court Advocacy	J85N 35	31/07/2025	J8NP 34
Electronic Fire and Security Systems: Installation Practices	H6S5 33	31/07/2025	J74D 33
Fitness Conditioning in Sport	FX9K 35	31/07/2025	n/a
Improving Coaching in Sport	FX9M 35	31/07/2025	n/a
Law and the Media	J3J2 34	31/07/2025	J7GH 34
Managing Volunteers in Sport and Recreation	DP27 35	31/07/2025	n/a
Plan and Facilitate Learning	F552 35	31/07/2025	J7KY 35
Sports Coaching in an International Context	FX9W 35	31/07/2025	n/a

Title	Code	Finish Date	Revised by
Sports Coaching Theory and Practice	FW5M 34	31/07/2025	n/a
Sports Development: An Introduction	FW5T 34	31/07/2025	n/a
Sports Mechanics	FX9L 35	31/07/2025	n/a
Sports Therapy: Anatomy and Physiology	H7VD 34	31/07/2025	J7VX 34
Supporting the Healthcare Team in the Workplace	J1LM 35	31/07/2025	J7LC 35
Working as Senior Air Cabin Crew	H1J4 34	31/07/2025	J7LJ 34

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Anatomy, Physiology and Energy Systems	FW5P 34	31/07/2026	n/a
Electronic Fire and Security Systems: Signalling	H6TA 33	31/07/2026	J7C9 33
Procedures for Pharmacy Aseptic Checking Technicians	F6JA 34	31/07/2026	J832 35
Sports Development and Research	H810 35	31/07/2026	n/a
Criminology: The Accused's Journey	J00G 34	31/07/2027	J8R1 34
Digital Journalism	J121 35	31/07/2027	J7YA 35
Electronic Fire and Security Systems Installation: Commissioning	H6X2 33	31/07/2027	J7YG 33
Electronic Fire and Security Systems: Access Control Systems Installation	H6T9 33	31/07/2027	J7X2 33
Electronic Fire and Security Systems: Fire Alarm Systems Installation	H6T8 33	31/07/2027	J7X1 33
Journalism: Public Affairs	J127 34	31/07/2027	J127 34
Journalism: Scots Law 1	J125 34	31/07/2027	J824 34
Maintaining the Performance of Electronic Fire and Security Systems	H6X4 33	31/07/2027	J7YR 33