Annual Update for National Qualifications (April 2025)

This report lists additions, revisions and withdrawals to SQAs portfolio of National Qualifications. It covers National Units, National Courses and National Qualification Group Awards (Awards, National Certificates and National Progression 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, National Courses and Group Awards
- early notification to staff delivering units that are being withdrawn
- information to help raise staff awareness of new units, National Courses and Group Awards in their specialist areas.

The information in this report is also contained in the Catalogue of National Qualifications. The catalogue is updated regularly throughout the year and contains the most up-to-date information about available NQ provision. Further information about new and revised National Units, National Courses and National Qualification Group Awards can be found in the NQ section of SQA's website. The Unit Search allows you to search for National units by keyword, title or code.

The NQ 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- qualifications that have been withdrawn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 five sections:

Section 1: New: a list of National Courses developed for implementation in **2025-26**
Section 2: New: a list of Group Awards developed for implementation in **2025-26**
Section 3: New: a list of National units developed for implementation in **2025-26**
Section 4: Withdrawal: a list of National Qualifications withdrawn from SQA's portfolio
Section 5: Withdrawal: a list of National units withdrawn from SQA's portfolio

Glossary of Terms

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

'**Automatic approval**' means that a qualification is automatically approved for schools and colleges in Scotland. Other centres that are not approved to offer the full range of auto-approved products and wish to offer a new qualification can contact our Customer Service Team on 0303 333 0330, complete the centre enquiry form or refer to Deliver SQA qualifications website for further guidance

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 (designated 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 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: National Courses starting 1 August 2025

*SQA will remove externally marked question papers from its **National 5 Practical Cake Craft, National 5 Practical Metalworking** and **National 5 Practical Woodworking** courses ahead of the new academic year 2025/26. New course codes will be issued for these National 5 qualifications in due course. Further details are available here:* SQA rebalancing assessment for practical qualifications

National Courses starting 1 August 2024
There are no new National Courses developed since the last report with a start date of **1 August 2024**

Section 2: Group Awards starting 1 August 2025
New Group Awards with a start date of **1 August 2025**

Title	Code	Automatic Approval	Devolved Approval (designated Scottish colleges only)	New/ Revision	Approval Extended	Previous Code
Digital Animation	GV7N 45	No	Yes	Revision	Yes	G9FC 45

Group Awards starting 1 August 2024
New Group Awards (developed since the 2024 report) with a start date of **1 August 2024**

Title	Code	Automatic Approval	Devolved Approval (designated Scottish colleges only)	New/ Revision	Approval Extended	Previous Code
Computing Technologies	GV6W 44	No	Yes	New	n/a	n/a
Computing Technologies	GV6W 45	No	Yes	New	n/a	n/a
Computing Technologies	GV6W 46	No	Yes	New	n/a	n/a
Data Science	GV7W 44	No	Yes	Revision	Yes	GP8N 44
Data Science	GV7W 45	No	Yes	Revision	Yes	GP8N 45
Data Science	GV6W 46	No	Yes	Revision	Yes	GP8N 46
Sports Coaching	GV78 45	No	No	New	n/a	n/a
Sports Coaching	GV78 46	No	No	New	n/a	n/a
Volunteering Skills	GV6V 46	No	Yes	New	n/a	n/a

Section 3: National Units starting 1 August 2025

Title	Code	Automatic Approval	Devolved Approval (designated Scottish colleges only)	New/ Revision	Approval Extended	Previous Code
Digital Animation: An Introduction	J8HC 45	Yes	Yes	New	n/a	n/a
Digital Animation Project	J8HD 45	Yes	Yes	New	n/a	n/a
Forensic Anthropology: History and Application	J8N9 45	No	No	New	n/a	n/a

National Units starting 1 August 2024

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

Title	Code	Automatic approval	Devolved Approval (designated Scottish colleges only)	New/ Revision	Approval Extended?	Previous Code
Body Electrical Treatments	J8FL 46	No	Yes	New	n/a	n/a
Body Massage Techniques	J8FM 46	No	Yes	New	n/a	n/a
Body Wrap Treatments	J8FP 46	No	Yes	New	n/a	n/a
Customised Make-up	J8FN 46	No	Yes	New	n/a	n/a
Data Science	J8LW 44	Yes	Yes	Revision	Yes	J2G2 44
Data Science	J8LW 45	Yes	Yes	Revision	Yes	J2G2 45
Data Science	J8LW 46	Yes	Yes	Revision	Yes	J2G2 46
Depilation Techniques	J8FY 46	No	Yes	New	n/a	n/a
Evaluate the Volunteering Experience	J8HA 46	Yes	Yes	New	n/a	n/a
Eyelash and Eyebrow Treatments	J8FR 46	No	Yes	New	n/a	n/a
Facial Manual and Electrical Treatments	J8FX 46	No	Yes	New	n/a	n/a
Freeform Sculpture using Light Curing Gel	J8FV 46	No	Yes	New	n/a	n/a
Freeform Sculpture using Liquid and Powder	J8FT 46	No	Yes	New	n/a	n/a
Hand and Foot Treatments	J8FW 46	No	Yes	New	n/a	n/a
Sports Coaching: Knowing Coaching	J8LY 45	No	No	New	n/a	n/a
Sports Coaching: Knowing Coaching	J8LY 46	No	No	New	n/a	n/a
Sports Coaching: Knowing Yourself and Knowing Others	J8M0 45	No	No	New	n/a	n/a
Sports Coaching: Knowing Yourself and Knowing Others	J8M0 46	No	No	New	n/a	n/a
Volunteering in Action	J8H9 46	Yes	Yes	New	n/a	n/a
Volunteering: Preparing to Volunteer	J8H8 46	Yes	Yes	New	n/a	n/a

Section 4: National Qualification — Withdrawals

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

Title	Code	Finish Date	Revised by
Administration	GT03 45	31/07/2025	n/a
Advertising and Public Relations	GD66 46	31/07/2025	n/a
Angling and the Aquatic Environment	GF67 43	31/07/2025	n/a
Aquaculture	G9D9 45	31/07/2025	n/a
Army Preparation	GM21 44	31/07/2025	n/a
Computer Arts and Animation	GD2G 45	31/07/2025	n/a
Computer Arts and Animation	GD2G 46	31/07/2025	n/a
Computer Games Development	GP0L 45	31/07/2025	n/a
Creative Printmaking with Photography	GD2T 46	31/07/2025	n/a
Culinary Ability: Food Preparation Award	GL5P 44	31/07/2025	n/a
Digital Literacy	GL06 43	31/07/2025	GT5Y 43
Digital Passport	GJ7W 44	31/07/2025	GT75 44
Digital Passport	GJ7X 45	31/07/2025	GT76 45
Digital Passport	GJ7Y 46	31/07/2025	GT77 46
Early Education and Childcare	G8K1 46	31/07/2025	GV2M 46
Greenkeeping: An Introduction	GF6X 44	31/07/2025	n/a
Local Food Production	GJ3V 46	31/07/2025	n/a
Photography	GE6C 46	31/07/2025	GT94 46
Retailing	GF6T 45	31/07/2025	n/a
Social Software	G9J4 44	31/07/2025	GT71 44
Sport and Fitness	GF4G 44	31/07/2025	n/a
Supply Chain Operations	G93X 45	31/07/2025	n/a
Technical Theatre	G98C 46	31/07/2025	n/a
Theatre Design: Set, Costume and Props - An Introduction	GM40 46	31/07/2025	n/a

*table above updated 17/4/25

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The qualifications listed below have entered their **lapsing period** and the following applies:

- 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
Beauty Care and Make-Up	G92F 45	31/07/2026	GV0J 45
Beauty Massage	GF7E 45	31/07/2026	GV0K 45
Beauty Skills	GF7F 44	31/07/2026	GV0F 44
Computing: Technical Support	GE48 46	31/07/2026	n/a
Cosmetology	G8GX 44	31/07/2026	GV0F 44
Eye Treatments	GF7G 45	31/07/2026	GV0H 45
Health and Social Care: Promoting Reablement	GK2V 46	31/07/2026	n/a
Make-Up Skills	GF7J 45	31/07/2026	GV0H 45
Manicure and Pedicure Skills	GF7K 45	31/07/2026	GV0G 45
Mobile Technology	GF6V 44	31/07/2026	n/a
Sports Coaching: Badminton (Level 1)	GH4P 44	31/07/2026	n/a
Sports Coaching: Badminton (Level 2)	GH36 45	31/07/2026	n/a
Sports Coaching: Basketball (Level 1)	GH1R 44	31/07/2026	n/a
Sports Coaching: Coaching Diving (Level 1)	GH2M 44	31/07/2026	n/a
Sports Coaching: Coaching Diving (Level 2)	GH3C 45	31/07/2026	n/a
Sports Coaching: Coaching Swimming (Level 1)	GH62 44	31/07/2026	n/a
Sports Coaching: Coaching Swimming (Level 2)	GH57 45	31/07/2026	n/a
Sports Coaching: Coaching Swimming (Level 3)	GH98 46	31/07/2026	n/a
Sports Coaching: Coaching Synchronised Swimming (Level 1)	GH1V 44	31/07/2026	n/a
Sports Coaching: Curling (Level 1)	GH1F 44	31/07/2026	n/a
Sports Coaching: Curling (Level 2)	GH3H 45	31/07/2026	n/a
Sports Coaching: Equestrian British Eventing (Level 3)	GH68 46	31/07/2026	n/a
Sports Coaching: Equestrian Generic (Level 1)	GH1H 44	31/07/2026	n/a
Sports Coaching: General Gymnastics (Level 1)	GH1X 44	31/07/2026	n/a
Sports Coaching: General Gymnastics (Level 2)	GH40 45	31/07/2026	n/a
Sports Coaching: Gymnastics Acrobatic (Level 1)	GH1M 44	31/07/2026	n/a
Sports Coaching: Gymnastics Acrobatic (Level 2)	GH42 45	31/07/2026	n/a
Sports Coaching: Gymnastics Men's Artistic (Level 1)	GH20 44	31/07/2026	n/a
Sports Coaching: Gymnastics Men's Artistic (Level 2)	GH44 45	31/07/2026	n/a
Sports Coaching: Gymnastics Rhythmic (Level 2)	GH46 45	31/07/2026	n/a
Sports Coaching: Gymnastics Trampolining (Level 1)	GH2F 44	31/07/2026	n/a
Sports Coaching: Gymnastics Trampolining (Level 2)	GH47 45	31/07/2026	n/a
Sports Coaching: Gymnastics Women's Artistic (Level 1)	GH22 44	31/07/2026	n/a
Sports Coaching: Gymnastics Women's Artistic (Level 2)	GH48 45	31/07/2026	n/a
Sports Coaching: Judo (Level 1)	GH23 44	31/07/2026	n/a
Sports Coaching: Multi-skills (Level 2)	GG43 45	31/07/2026	n/a
Sports Coaching: Netball (Level 1)	GH24 44	31/07/2026	n/a
Sports Coaching: Netball (Level 2)	GH4C 45	31/07/2026	n/a

Title	Code	Finish Date	Revised by
Sports Coaching: Rugby Union (Level 1)	GH28 44	31/07/2026	n/a
Sports Coaching: Rugby Union (Level 2)	GH4F 45	31/07/2026	n/a
Sports Coaching: Rugby Union (Level 3)	GH6T 46	31/07/2026	n/a
Sports Coaching: Teaching Aquatics (Level 1)	GH56 44	31/07/2026	n/a
Sports Coaching: Teaching Aquatics (Level 2)	GH55 45	31/07/2026	n/a
Sports Coaching: Team Gymnastics (Level 1)	GH2D 44	31/07/2026	n/a
Sports Coaching: Tennis (Level 1)	GH2E 44	31/07/2026	n/a
Sports Coaching: Tennis (Level 2)	GH4L 45	31/07/2026	n/a
Sports Coaching: Triathlon (Level 1)	GH2G 44	31/07/2026	n/a
Sports Coaching: Triathlon (Level 2)	GH4M 45	31/07/2026	n/a
Sports Coaching: Tumbling (Level 1)	GK90 44	31/07/2026	n/a

The qualifications listed below have had a finish date applied but have not yet entered their lapsing period, the following applies:

- new centres may still be approved to offer the qualification
- centres should only enter candidates whom they expect to complete the qualification before the finish date

Title	Code	Finish Date	Revised by
Achieving Excellence in Sport	G9G5 46	31/07/2026	n/a
Data Science	GP8N 44	31/07/2029	GV7W 44
Data Science	GP8P 45	31/07/2029	GV7W 45
Data Science	GP8R 46	31/07/2029	GV6W 46
Digital Media Animation	G9FC 45	31/07/2028	GV7N 45
Exercise and Fitness Leadership	G9GC 46	31/07/2026	n/a
Organising Volunteering Events in Sport	G9GD 46	31/07/2026	n/a
Sport and Fitness: Individual Sports	G9CG 45	31/07/2029	n/a
Sport and Fitness: Outdoor Sports	G9CH 45	31/07/2029	n/a
Sport and Fitness: Team Sports	G9CJ 45	31/07/2029	n/a
Sporting Events: Personal Best	G9V6 44	31/07/2026	n/a

Section 5: National Unit — Withdrawals

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

Title	Code	Finish Date	Revised by
Computer Basics	H3LJ 44	31/07/2025	J5V2 44
Digital Photography: Basic File Optimisation	FR2F 12	31/07/2025	J6T4 46
Digital Photography: Image Manipulation and Print	FR2G 12	31/07/2025	J6T5 46
Digital Photography: Workflow and Creative Manipulation	FR2H 12	31/07/2025	J6T6 46
Exercise and Fitness - Gymnasium	D676 11	31/07/2025	n/a
Planning Personal Fitness	D81R 12	31/07/2025	n/a
Practical Tasks in Library and Information Work	EA7C 10	31/07/2025	n/a
Self-Tanning Applications	H6R4 44	31/07/2025	n/a
Sports Officiating and Organising - Formal: Golf	D769 12	31/07/2025	n/a

The units listed below are being withdrawn from SQA's portfolio, the following applies:

- centres should only enter candidates whom they expect to complete the unit before the finish date

Title	Code	Finish Date	Revised by
Artificial Nail Enhancement: Tips and Overlays	F4NT 11	31/07/2026	n/a
Audio: An Introduction	F5AD 10	31/07/2026	J840 44
Audio: Medical	F7KS 11	31/07/2026	J842 45
Back, Neck and Shoulder Massage	F4P4 11	31/07/2026	n/a
Beauty and Make-up: Drawing and Colouring Design Skills	F4P2 11	31/07/2026	n/a
Beauty Skills: An Introduction	FW08 10	31/07/2026	n/a
Confirm the Occupational Method of Work	H104 12	31/07/2026	J58T 46
Conform to General Workplace Health, Safety and Welfare	H106 12	31/07/2026	J58S 46
Construction Craft Associated Subject	H108 12	31/07/2026	J58V 46
Contemporary Eye Treatments	H1N7 11	31/07/2026	n/a
Contemporary Make Up	FW0A 10	31/07/2026	n/a
Cosmetology: Beauty - Practical Skills	F0FE 10	31/07/2026	n/a
Creative Nail Finishes to Hand and Foot	FW0D 10	31/07/2026	n/a
Data Citizenship	J2HN 44	31/07/2026	J890 44
Data Citizenship	J2HN 45	31/07/2026	J890 45
Data Citizenship	J2HN 46	31/07/2026	J890 46
Data Science	J2G2 44	31/07/2026	J8LW 44
Data Science	J2G2 45	31/07/2026	J8LW 45
Data Science	J2G2 46	31/07/2026	J8LW 46
Day Make-up and Basic Corrective Make-up	F4C0 11	31/07/2026	n/a
Facial Skin Care	F4P5 11	31/07/2026	n/a
Individual Performance in Sport: Analysis and Evaluation	F79E 12	31/07/2026	n/a
Individual Performance in Sport: Codes of Conduct	F79C 12	31/07/2026	n/a
Individual Sporting Performance	F79D 12	31/07/2026	n/a
Introduction to First Aid	HX1W 75	31/07/2026	J54S 75
Machine Learning	J2G6 45	31/07/2026	n/a
Machine Learning	J2G6 46	31/07/2026	n/a
Manicure	F4C3 11	31/07/2026	n/a

Title	Code	Finish Date	Revised by
Massage Techniques	H1WV 11	31/07/2026	n/a
Medical Administration	FF2E 10	31/07/2026	J843 44
Nail Art: Freehand	F4P3 11	31/07/2026	n/a
Pedicure	H1WW 11	31/07/2026	n/a
Prepare and Mix Traditional Lime Mortars	H8WT 45	31/07/2026	J8E3 46
Prepare Business Documents	H1N6 10	31/07/2026	J844 44
Professional Practice in an Educational Setting	F7HV 12	31/07/2026	J76R 46
Skincare Routine	FW07 10	31/07/2026	n/a
Sport and Recreation: Developing Volunteering	F7JG 12	31/07/2026	n/a
Sporting Events: Accidents and Emergencies	F9E6 10	31/07/2026	n/a
Sporting Events: Conflict Resolution	F994 10	31/07/2026	n/a
Sporting Events: Customer Care	F996 10	31/07/2026	n/a
Sporting Events: Equality and Diversity in Sport	F997 10	31/07/2026	n/a
Sporting Events: Safety Awareness	F998 10	31/07/2026	n/a
Sporting Events: Volunteering	F999 10	31/07/2026	n/a
Sporting Events: Volunteering Experience	F99A 10	31/07/2026	n/a
Sporting Events: Volunteering Teams	F995 10	31/07/2026	n/a
Supporting Children and Young People in an Educational Setting	F7HY 12	31/07/2026	J76P 46
Supporting Children and Young People who require Additional Support for Learning	F7HT 12	31/07/2026	J76W 46
Supporting the Behaviour of Children and Young People	F7HS 12	31/07/2026	J76Y 46
Supporting the Development of Children and Young People from Birth to Eighteen Years	F7HR 12	31/07/2026	J76T 46
The Rights and Entitlements of Children and Young People	F7HW 12	31/07/2026	J76V 46
Waxing Treatments	F9V9 11	31/07/2026	n/a
Word Processing: Medical	F7KV 11	31/07/2026	J841 45
Working with Children and Young People with Autism	F7J1 12	31/07/2026	J770 46
Working with Children and Young People with Hearing Loss	F7J3 12	31/07/2026	n/a
Working with Children and Young People with Visual Impairments	F7J0 12	31/07/2026	n/a
Working with Physically Disabled Children and Young People	F7J2 12	31/07/2026	n/a
Criminology: Crime in the Community	J48F 45	31/07/2027	J81R 45
Criminology: Crime Scenes	J48E 45	31/07/2027	J85M 45
Exercise and Fitness: Cardiovascular Training	F7JB 12	31/07/2027	n/a
Exercise and Fitness: Circuit Training	F7JE 12	31/07/2027	n/a
Exercise and Fitness: Exercise to Music	F7JF 12	31/07/2027	n/a
Exercise and Fitness: Fixed Weight Training	F7JC 12	31/07/2027	n/a
Exercise and Fitness: Free Weight Training	F7JD 12	31/07/2027	n/a
Sport and Fitness: Coaching Development	F6XD 11	31/07/2029	n/a