

Care

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Course reports

Please read the annual course reports for National 5 and Higher Care. We produce these reports following the exam diet and they provide information on how candidates performed in course assessment for National Qualifications.

The course reports include a summary of areas candidates performed well in and areas candidates found demanding. They also contain advice on preparing future candidates and statistical data relating to grade boundaries. Course reports are available from the [Care subject pages](#) of our website.

Coursework

Conditions of assessment for coursework

To ensure fairness for all candidates, it is essential that you apply the specified assessment conditions for coursework. During the 2018 diet, we saw an increase in incidences of potential malpractice, where some centres had not followed the required conditions of assessment.

Please ensure you refer to the following documents when conducting coursework with your candidates. These documents detail the specific conditions of assessment that must be applied for each assessment:

- course specification (National 5 and Higher)
- coursework assessment task (National 5 and Higher)

You must also refer to our [Guidance on conditions of assessment for coursework](#), which provides important information on the time and volume of assessment, the use of resources, and the supervision, control and authentication of assessment — including examples.

Submitting coursework

Please ensure your candidates use the current, published coursework assessment tasks.

Higher

Revised Higher documents and assessment support materials

Course specification

In April 2018, we published a revised course specification which provides detailed information about the Higher course and course assessment, including the conditions of assessment that must be followed. The revised document was produced by merging the previous course specifications, course assessment specifications and general assessment information into a single, streamlined document. Course support notes have been added to the course specification as an appendix.

The documents are available from the [Higher Care web page](#).

Coursework assessment task

The Higher Care coursework assessment task has been revised and published on the [Higher Care web page](#). This document now contains the project briefs that were previously published on the secure site. The project is now worth 90 marks (70%) of the overall marks for course assessment. Please ensure you are familiar with the revised prompts and mark allocation for the project as candidates must use the current format.

Specimen question paper

The specimen question paper for Higher Care has been published on the [Higher Care web page](#). The specimen question paper is worth 40 marks and the duration of the paper is 1 hour and 30 minutes.

The paper has three sections:

Section 1 — human development and behaviour — 12 marks

Section 2 — social influences — 12 marks

Section 3 — values and principles — 16 marks

Online resources to help you prepare for Higher assessment

As part of our Understanding Standards programme, we are providing a range of online resources to help you develop your understanding of the standards required in the revised course assessments for Higher. We have tailored this to each subject.

Resources may include:

- **Presentations with audio** — a subject-specific presentation with an audio narration, to talk you through the requirements of the Higher assessment
- **Webinar recordings** — recordings of recent online CPD webinar sessions delivered by our subject implementation managers, to guide you through the changes to assessment
- **Candidate evidence and commentaries** — examples of candidate assessment evidence with a written commentary, to explain why the evidence has or has not met the required standards for the revised assessment

You can access these materials via the 'Understanding Standards' tab on the Higher subject page.

Find out more about the Understanding Standards programme at www.sqa.org.uk/understandingstandards.

Units that were previously part of the Higher course

The units that were previously part of the Higher Care course are now available as freestanding units at SCQF level 6. These units no longer contribute to the Higher course.

We have removed references to Higher courses from the freestanding unit specifications, which are available from the freestanding units web page for each subject. There is a link to the freestanding units page from the 'see also' section on the [Care subject landing page](#).

Further information and guidance

Mental Health and Wellbeing Awards

The new Mental Health and Wellbeing Awards at SCQF levels 4 and 5 are now available for centres to deliver. Both levels comprise three main topics — understanding mental health issues, influences on mental health and wellbeing, and coping strategies — and aim to:

- reduce stigma surrounding mental health
- arm young people with healthy coping strategies
- promote knowledge of the impact of mental health on behaviour
- dispel myths surrounding mental health
- promote understanding of positive and negative impacts on mental health
- help individuals to make the right choices
- promote understanding of the potential uses and impact of social media and the internet
- create resilience

You can find more information on the Awards on the [Mental Health and Wellbeing web page](#). You can also find and post links to related resources on the Mental Health and Wellbeing [Ushare page](#).

Centres will be notified when Assessment Support Packs and Teaching packs are available for use via Centre News and the [Mental Health and Wellbeing web page](#).

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