

Arrangements for National 4 Design and Manufacture in session 2020–21



As a result of the modifications to the Higher and Advanced Higher course assessments for session 2020–21, we have been exploring the implications for National 3 and National 4 courses.

We are making the following modifications to National 4 assessments for session 2020–21 to support the delivery of learning, teaching and assessment.

National 4

Design and Manufacture: Materials and Manufacturing (National 4) unit

We will remove outcome 2 entirely and introduce the requirement for candidates to meet four out of six remaining assessment standards in order to pass this unit.

This is due to the difficulty that centres are having in providing candidates with access to workshops and will free up learning and teaching time.

Design and Manufacture Assignment (National 4) added value unit

We will remove sections 1.3 and 1.4 from outcome 1 of the added value unit for session 2020–21, due to the difficulty that centres are having in providing candidates with access to workshops.

We will remove the requirement for candidates to carry out their own research in assessment standard 1.1. Candidates will therefore begin the assignment by completing their specification.

This change will free up learning and teaching time.

The marking instructions for the added value unit will be amended to accommodate the above changes. The marks available for this unit will drop from 60 to 27. The cut-off score for a unit pass will be 19 marks.

If you have any questions about these changes, please email NQ2020@sqa.org.uk.