

# Arrangements for National 3 and National 4 Health and Food Technology and freestanding units 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 3 and National 4 assessments for session 2020–21 to support the delivery of learning, teaching and assessment. In addition, we are also making modifications to a freestanding unit at SCQF level 5.

## **National 3**

Assessment standards 2.2 and 2.3 will be removed from the Food for Health unit.

The removal of assessment standards 2.2 and 2.3 takes into consideration the difficulties centres are facing with the delivery of practical work, will allow teachers and lecturers more time to focus on the delivery of the course, and allow candidates more opportunities to prepare for assessment.

Combined assessment, and the recording of evidence across units, is to be encouraged.

## **National 4**

Assessment standard 2.2 will be removed from the Food for Health unit.

The added value unit will not be mandatory to complete as part of the course.

This is a temporary modification to support with learning, teaching and assessment this session. For session 2020–21 only, the added value unit results do not need to be evidence-based. For candidates who pass all contributing units for the course, teachers and lecturers need to submit a 'pass' result for the added value unit to ensure that the candidates are certificated for the overall course award.

The removal of assessment standard 2.2 and the added value unit takes into consideration the difficulties centres are facing with the delivery of practical work, will allow teachers and lecturers more time to focus on the delivery of the course, and allow candidates more opportunities to prepare for assessment.

Combined assessment, and the recording of evidence across units, is to be encouraged.

### **Freestanding unit at SCQF level 5**

Only one investigation should be undertaken in the Food Product Development unit at National 5, this will allow teachers and lecturers more time to focus on the delivery of the unit, and allow candidates more opportunities to prepare for assessment.

If you have any questions about these changes, please email [NQ2020@sqa.org.uk](mailto:NQ2020@sqa.org.uk).