



Common questions about National 3, National 4, National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher Health and Food Technology

Do we have to use the assignment briefs provided by SQA?

For the National 4 added value unit, you can use the briefs in the unit assessment support pack, or devise your own brief. If you choose to devise your own added value unit assessment, you should follow the guidelines in the 'Assessment overview' section of the National 4 added value unit assessment support pack, to ensure that candidates can generate evidence to meet all assessment standards.

For National 5 and Higher, candidates must use the briefs provided by SQA. Candidates will have a choice of two briefs, published annually in September on SQA's secure site.

Please note: you must ensure that you use the correct assignment briefs for the current session. You must submit National 5 and Higher assignments using the most up-to-date version of the candidate workbook, which you can find on the [Health and Food Technology subject page](#) of SQA's website.

How many respondents do we need for a questionnaire at National 5 or Higher?

There is an appendix in the course support notes for each level, which gives advice on research techniques. You can find the course support notes in the National 5 and Higher Health and Food Technology course specifications on the [Health and Food Technology subject page](#) of SQA's website.

What is the submission date for the National 5 and Higher assignments?

The 'Delivering National Qualifications: Guide for SQA Co-ordinators', which you can access through your centre's SQA Co-ordinator, provides exact dates each year.

What dietary advice would be acceptable for assessment purposes?

The course specification states 'current dietary advice'. A lot of dietary advice is described as 'current'; SQA will accept any dietary advice from a creditable source as correct.

Where can we find additional support materials?

You can find Understanding Standards materials for unit assessments in the Understanding Standards tab in the secure site. You can find materials from assignments and question papers from previous exam diets on the [Understanding Standards website](#). You can find PowerPoint presentations and workshop materials by following the link for Understanding Standards event materials on the [Health and Food Technology subject page](#).

Should we carry out unit assessments under examination conditions?

You should refer to the 'Assessment conditions' section of the unit assessment support packs for individual unit assessment conditions.

Can we amend the unit assessment in the support pack before use?

We produce all unit assessment support packs in Word. This allows you to alter the layout of the assessment to suit your candidates, for example to allow more space for candidate responses. However, if you alter the method candidates use to provide evidence for the assessment standards, then this should be prior verified before use.

You can find National Qualification questions and answers on the [frequently asked questions section](#) of SQA's website.