



Optional assessment guidance 2023–24

This guidance is **optional**. You can use this guidance or deliver and assess as outlined in the Group Award specification.

Group Award titles and codes:	HNC Social Sciences (SCQF level 7) GP1K 15 HND Social Sciences (SCQF level 8) GP2N 16
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The approach you take **must** meet the:

- ◆ full evidence requirements for Graded Units
- ◆ national standards

HNC Social Sciences (SCQF level 7) GP1K 15

All candidates must do the Graded Unit exam at SCQF level 7.

Candidates must do the closed-book assessment for [Sociology B: Applying Sociological Theories and Studies to Sociological Topics \(SCQF level 7\) J031 34](#)

HND Social Sciences (SCQF level 8) GP2N 16

All candidates must do the Graded Unit exam at SCQF level 8 and the Graded Unit project at SCQF level 8.

Candidates must do the closed-book assessment for [Sociology C: Analysing and Evaluating Sociological Debates \(SCQF level 8\) J0NA 35](#).

Units and/or outcomes where conditions of assessment can be altered

HNC Social Sciences (SCQF level 7) GP1K 15

[Economics B: Economic Theory and Application \(SCQF level 7\) J02V 34](#)

[Geography B: Urban Geography \(SCQF level 7\) J0ND 34](#)

[History B: Analysing Topics within a Historical Period \(SCQF level 7\) J02X 34](#)

[Philosophy B: Classic Texts in Philosophy \(SCQF level 7\) J02Y 34](#)

[Politics B: The United Kingdom and Scotland \(SCQF level 7\) J0H0 34](#)

[Psychology B: Explanation and Research of Psychological Topics \(SCQF level 7\) J030 34](#)

HND Social Sciences (SCQF level 8) GP2N 16

[Economics C: Applied Economics — The Global Perspective \(SCQF level 8\) J0LW 35](#)

[Geography C: Environmental Geography \(SCQF level 8\) J0LV 35](#)

[History C: Evaluating Topics within a Historical Period \(SCQF level 8\) J0LS 35](#)

[Philosophy C: An Introduction to Logical Analysis \(SCQF level 8\) J0NF 35](#)

[Politics C: The United States and European Union \(SCQF level 8\) J0NB 35](#)

[Psychology C: Analysis and Evaluation of Psychological \(SCQF level 8\) J0NC 35](#)

[Social Science: Research Issues \(SCQF level 8\) J038 35](#)

You can find more information on [HNVQ delivery and assessment approaches for session 2023-24](#) on SQA's website.