

National Course modification summary: ESOL



National 4, National 5, and Higher: session 2021–22

National 4

Added value unit

The requirement to complete the added value unit is removed for session 2021–22. To achieve the overall course award for National 4 this session, candidates must pass all other contributing units in the National 4 course. You must submit a 'pass' result for the added value unit to ensure your candidates are certificated for the course award.

You are not required to gather evidence for the added value unit this session; however, it is important you give candidates opportunities to develop and demonstrate the skills, knowledge and understanding outlined in the National 4 added value unit specification, where possible. This will support your candidates as they progress to further learning and assessment at SCQF level 5.

National 5

There is no change to the structure or requirements of the National 5 ESOL course assessment in session 2021–22. Given the nature and complexities of the course assessment, it is not possible to modify them without compromising the validity, credibility and standard of the courses, as well as their UK NARIC approval status and the benchmarked criteria of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) that they correspond to. Protecting this will ensure continuing recognition and progression opportunities for candidates. This position is supported by feedback from stakeholders who took part in our technical consultation on proposed modifications to National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher courses.

Higher

There is no change to the structure or requirements of the Higher ESOL course assessment in session 2021–22. Given the nature and complexities of the course assessment, it is not possible to modify them without compromising the validity, credibility and standard of the courses, as well as their UK NARIC approval status and the benchmarked criteria of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) that they correspond to. Protecting this will ensure continuing recognition and progression opportunities for candidates. This position is supported by feedback from stakeholders who took part in our technical consultation on proposed modifications to National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher courses.

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