

National Course modification summary: Health and Food Technology



Freestanding units at SCQF levels 5 and 6; and National 3, National 4, National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher: session 2021–22

Freestanding units at SCQF levels 5 and 6

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

Only one investigation should be undertaken in the Food Product Development unit.

National 3

Modifications for session 2021–22 remain the same as session 2020–21.

Assessment standards 2.2 and 2.3 are removed from the Food for Health unit. This gives you more time to focus on course delivery and gives candidates more opportunities to prepare for assessment.

We encourage you to combine assessment and record evidence across units.

National 4

Modifications for session 2021–22 remain the same as session 2020–21.

Outcome 2.2 is removed from the Food for Health unit. This gives you more time to focus on course delivery and gives candidates more opportunities to prepare for assessment.

We encourage you to combine assessment and record evidence across units.

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

The following table provides information on marks, scaled marks and duration of National 5 components:

Component	Marks	Scaled marks	Duration
Question paper	50		1 hour 50 minutes
Assignment	30	50	Carried out over time

Question paper

For session 2021–22, we have added optionality to the question paper. This gives candidates more opportunity to apply their knowledge and attempt fewer questions. This is consistent with Higher and Advanced Higher levels.

Candidates must attempt questions 1 and 2, as they are mandatory.

Questions 3, 4, 5 and 6 are part of an optional section. Candidates must attempt three of these four questions.

As candidates answer one less question, the total mark of this component is reduced to 50, instead of 60. The question paper still has a relative weighting of 50% of the overall course assessment.

Assignment

As there may be difficulties in carrying out practical activities in centres, candidates only complete sections 1 and 2 of the assignment for session 2021–22.

The knowledge and skills assessed in sections 3 and 4 (sensory testing and evaluation skills) are assessed in the question paper. This covers all knowledge and skills and retains the validity and reliability of the course.

In section 1, the number of investigations is reduced from three to two, which reduces the time that candidates must spend on assessment. The number of justifications for choice of product in section 2 is reduced from eight to six, to reflect the lower number of investigations. The requirement to justify choice linked to a cooking method is removed.

This makes the assignment out of 30 marks, scaled up to 50, to retain the relative 50% weighting for this component.

New coursework briefs for session 2021–22 will be published in September 2021. These will be designed with a target group, and candidates will be able to access these easily.

These changes allow you more time to focus on the delivery of the course and gives candidates more opportunities to prepare for assessment.

Higher

The following table provides information on marks, scaled marks and duration of Higher components:

Component	Marks	Scaled marks	Duration
Question paper	50		2 hours
Assignment	30	50	Carried out over time

Question paper

Modifications for session 2021–22 remain the same as session 2020–21.

Candidates must attempt question 1 as it is mandatory.

Questions 2, 3, 4 and 5 are part of an optional section. Candidates must attempt three of these four questions.

As candidates answer one less question, the total mark for this component is reduced to 50 instead of 60. The question paper still has a relative weighting of 50% of the overall course assessment.

Assignment

As there may be difficulties in carrying out practical activities in centres, candidates only complete sections 1 and 2 of the assignment for session 2021–22.

The knowledge and skills assessed in sections 3 and 4 (sensory testing and evaluation skills) are assessed in the question paper. This covers all knowledge and skills and retains the validity and reliability of the course.

In section 1, the number of investigations is reduced from three to two, which reduces the time that candidates must spend on assessment. The number of justifications for the choice of product in section 2 is reduced from 10 to 8, to reflect the lower number of investigations. The requirement to justify a choice linked to a cooking method is removed, as is the need to show a link between the two investigations.

This makes the assignment out of 30 marks, scaled up to 50, to retain the relative 50% weighting for this component.

New coursework briefs for session 2021–22 will be published in September 2021. These will be designed with a target group, and candidates will be able to access these easily.

These changes allow you more time to focus on the delivery of the course and gives candidates more opportunities to prepare for assessment.

Advanced Higher

The following table provides information on marks and duration of Advanced Higher components:

Component	Marks	Duration
Question paper	40	2 hours and 30 minutes
Project	60	Carried out over time

Question paper

Modifications for session 2021–22 remain the same as session 2020–21.

Candidates must attempt four questions within the paper.

There are two evaluation questions within the optional section of the paper. Candidates must attempt one of these two questions. All other questions within the paper are mandatory.

As candidates answer one less question, the total mark of this component is reduced to 40 instead of 50.

Project

There are no changes to the Advanced Higher project for session 2021–22.

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