

National Course modification summary: Human Biology



Freestanding units at SCQF level 6; and Higher: session 2021–22

Freestanding units at SCQF level 6

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

For the freestanding units that were formerly part of the Higher Human Biology course, **the requirement to complete outcome 1 for the unit assessment is removed.**

The rationale for this modification is the difficulty of carrying out practical work safely due to current restrictions, local authority health and safety protocols, and compliance with the guidelines issued by the Scottish Schools Education Research Centre (SSERC).

Teachers and lecturers should still endeavour to develop the practical skills that are a feature of these units.

Higher

Component	Marks	Duration
Question paper 1: multiple choice	25	40 minutes
Question paper 2	95	2 hours and 20 minutes

Question paper

There are **no changes** to the question papers. The structure and length of the question papers remain unchanged.

Assignment

The development of practical skills in human biology is essential, and candidates should undertake and experience practical work in science courses at all levels. However, the modifications made in session 2020–21 remain unchanged, and **the assignment is removed from the course for session 2021–22.**

The rationale for this modification is the difficulty of carrying out practical work safely due to current restrictions, local authority health and safety protocols, and compliance with the guidelines issued by SSERC.

Removing the assignment also allows teachers and lecturers to make up for lost time and deliver the course content. Access to IT facilities is still an issue and this could impede candidates' ability to undertake the research element of the assignment.

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