

National Course modification summary: Practical Metalworking



National 4 and National 5: session 2021–22

National 4

Modifications for session 2021–22 are the same as session 2020–21. There are no modifications to the course, including no modifications to the added value unit, as it aligns to the National 5 practical activity.

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

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

Component	Marks	Duration
Practical activity	70	No fixed duration

Practical activity

We will reissue the practical activity used in session 2020–21. Centres are familiar with the practical activity and the materials required, so this will reduce preparation and planning time. Publishing the practical activity early means that candidates can start it as soon as you are satisfied they are ready.

The current parts and materials cutting list is valid for a further year. We will update this document in due course.

Question paper

The question paper is removed for session 2021–22 only. This reduces the assessment burden on candidates and allows them to focus on developing their practical skills. You should still deliver theory content so that candidates have the skills, knowledge and understanding to carry out the practical activity safely and independently.

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