

# National 5 Modern Languages assessment resources

## Session 2024–25

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National 5 Modern Languages Course Specification (mandatory information)  October 2019, version 2.1	Summary of course assessment and detail of question papers.  Assignment–writing and performance–talking assessment conditions and marking instructions.	<a href="#">National 5 Modern Languages web page.</a>
National 5 Modern Languages Course Support Notes (appendix of the course specification, non-mandatory information)  October 2019, version 2.1	Guidance on approaches to delivering the course, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ skills development</li> <li>♦ suggested learning and teaching activities</li> <li>♦ suggested ways to prepare for course assessment</li> <li>♦ productive grammar grid</li> <li>♦ list of suggested contexts, topics and topic development</li> </ul>	<a href="#">National 5 Modern Languages web page.</a>
National 5 Modern Languages Assignment–writing coursework assessment task  October 2019, version 1.1	Outline of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ assignment–writing feedback process</li> <li>♦ example of a writing improvement code</li> <li>♦ examples of how to apply a writing improvement code to candidates' draft writing</li> <li>♦ examples of stimuli for the assignment–writing</li> <li>♦ template for the production of centre-devised writing stimuli</li> <li>♦ instructions for candidates</li> </ul>	<a href="#">National 5 Modern Languages web page.</a>

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National 5 Modern Languages Performance–talking coursework assessment task  October 2019, version 1.1	Recording documentation (candidate assessment record) and instructions for candidates.	<a href="#">National 5 Modern Languages web page.</a>
National 5 Modern Languages Course Reports	Comments on assessments and candidate performance, guidance on preparing candidates for future assessment, statistical information.	<a href="#">National 5 Modern Languages web page.</a>  Under the ‘Course reports’ tab.
National 5 Modern Languages Qualification Verification Summary Reports (QVSR)	Information on approaches to assessment and assessment judgements verified in rounds of SQA external verification.	<a href="#">National 5 Modern Languages web page.</a>  Under the ‘Course reports’ tab.
National 5 Modern Languages webinar (recording)  June 2017	Outline of the changes to course assessment and their implications, looking at the detail of the performance–talking and considering an example of assignment–writing.	<a href="#">CPD webinars and materials web page.</a>
National 5 Modern Languages specimen question papers	Revised specimen papers.	<a href="#">National 5 Modern Languages web page.</a>  Under the ‘Past Papers and Marking Instructions’ tab.
Past papers and 2020–21 question papers	Question papers, audio files and marking instructions for all Modern Languages.	<a href="#">National 5 Modern Languages web page.</a>  Under the ‘Past Papers and Marking Instructions’ tab.
National 5 Modern Languages Writing question paper (job application)	Exemplars of candidate evidence and associated commentary:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ seven for French</li> <li>◆ five for Gaelic (Learners)</li> <li>◆ six for German, Italian and Spanish</li> <li>◆ four for Chinese Languages</li> <li>◆ three for Urdu</li> </ul>	<a href="#">Understanding Standards web page.</a>  Search by language, select ‘National 5’, then ‘Writing’ heading.

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National 5 Modern Languages Performance–talking  Exemplars from 2017	Exemplars of candidate evidence and associated commentary:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ four for Chinese Languages, Gaelic (Learners), Spanish and Urdu</li> <li>◆ three for French</li> <li>◆ two for German</li> <li>◆ one for Italian</li> </ul>	These are available on SQA’s secure site through your SQA co-ordinator.  Under the ‘Understanding Standards Materials’, ‘NQ Course Assessment’ tabs.
National 5 Modern Languages Performance–talking  Exemplars from 2018	Exemplars of candidate evidence and associated commentary:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ four for French and Spanish</li> <li>◆ three for Chinese Languages, Italian and Urdu</li> <li>◆ two for German</li> </ul>	These are available on SQA’s secure site through your SQA co-ordinator.  Under the ‘Understanding Standards Materials’, ‘NQ Course Assessment’ tabs.
National 5 Modern Languages Performance–talking  Exemplars from 2022	Exemplars of candidate evidence and associated commentary:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ three for Chinese Languages, French, Spanish and Urdu</li> <li>◆ two for German</li> </ul>	These are available on SQA’s secure site through your SQA co-ordinator.  Under the ‘Understanding Standards Materials’, ‘NQ Course Assessment’ tab.
National 5 Modern Languages Performance–talking  Exemplars from 2024	Exemplars of candidate evidence and associated commentary:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ two for French, German, Gaelic (Learners), Italian, Spanish</li> <li>◆ one for Chinese Languages</li> </ul>	These are available on SQA’s secure site through your SQA co-ordinator.  Under the ‘Understanding Standards Materials’, ‘NQ Course Assessment’ tab.
National 5 Modern Languages Assignment–writing  Exemplars from 2017	Exemplars of candidate evidence and associated commentary:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ two for French and Spanish</li> <li>◆ four for German</li> </ul>	<a href="#">Understanding Standards web page.</a>  Search by language, select ‘National 5’, then ‘Assignment–writing’ heading.

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National 5 Modern Languages assignment–writing  Exemplars from 2018	Exemplars of candidate evidence and associated commentary:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ four for Gaelic (Learners), German, Italian and Urdu</li> <li>◆ six for French and Chinese Languages</li> <li>◆ five for Spanish</li> </ul>	<a href="#">Understanding Standards web page.</a>  Search by language, select 'National 5', then 'Assignment–writing' heading.
National 5 Modern Languages assignment–writing  Exemplars from 2024	Exemplars of candidate evidence and associated commentary:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ six for French, German, Italian, Spanish and Urdu</li> <li>◆ five for Gaelic (Learners)</li> </ul>	<a href="#">Understanding Standards web page.</a>  Search by language, select 'National 5', then 'Assignment–writing' heading.
National 5 and Higher question papers webinar  2024	Webinar recording covering:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ main points on candidate performance in reading, writing (job application) and listening</li> <li>◆ preparation of candidates for future question paper assessments</li> </ul>	<a href="#">CPD webinars and materials web page.</a>
National 5 Modern Languages Assignment–writing  'Refresher' webinar for the return of the assignment–writing to the National 5 Modern Languages course  2023	Webinar recording covering:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ purpose of assignment–writing</li> <li>◆ assessment conditions</li> <li>◆ candidate resources</li> <li>◆ generic examples of assignment–writing</li> <li>◆ outline of existing documentation</li> <li>◆ sources of information already available</li> </ul>	<a href="#">CPD webinars and materials web page.</a>
Modern Languages Gathering evidence audio presentation	PowerPoint presentation covering:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ devising and sourcing assessments</li> <li>◆ conducting assessments</li> <li>◆ judging the evidence</li> <li>◆ internal quality assurance</li> </ul>	<a href="#">National 5 Modern Languages web page.</a>  Under 'Course support' tab.

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Common questions	This primarily covers aspects of assignment–writing and performance–talking. It covers themes relating to more recent enquiries.	<a href="#">Modern Languages web page.</a>  Under ‘Common questions’ tab.
Guidance on conditions of assessment for coursework  August 2023, version 1.2	This document provides: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ clarification and exemplification on acceptable conduct during coursework assessments</li> <li>◆ examples of reasonable assistance</li> <li>◆ description of levels of supervision and control</li> <li>◆ definitions of plagiarism and collusion</li> <li>◆ definition of malpractice</li> </ul>	<a href="#">National 5 Modern Languages web page.</a>  Under ‘Coursework’ tab.