



# Annual Update for Higher National Qualifications (April 2024)

This report lists additions, revisions and withdrawals to SQA's portfolio of Higher National Qualifications. It covers Higher National units, Higher National Certificates, Higher National Diplomas and Professional Development Awards. The report is aimed at SQA Co-ordinators and practitioners in SQA approved centres to assist with planning for the academic session by providing:

- ◆ information about the currency of units and Group Awards
- ◆ early notification to staff delivering units that are being withdrawn
- ◆ information to help raise staff awareness of new units and Group Awards in their specialist areas.

The information in this report is also contained in the [Catalogue of Higher National Qualifications](#). The catalogue is updated regularly throughout the year and contains the most up-to-date information about available HN provision. Further information about new and revised HN units and HN Group Awards can be found on the [HN section of SQA's website](#). Information about new and revised PDA awards can be found on the [PDA section of SQA's website](#). The [Unit Search](#) allows you to search for HN units by keyword, title or code.

The [HN Notification of Changes to Unit Specifications and Frameworks](#) is also updated regularly. It shows:

- ◆ a summary of changes to units that warrant a new version number
- ◆ where a finish date has been removed or extended
- ◆ framework changes
- ◆ verification group changes
- ◆ qualifications that have been withdrawn

This report has four sections:

**Section 1:** New: a list of Higher National Group Awards developed for implementation in **2024-25**

**Section 2:** New: a list of Higher National units developed for implementation in **2024-25**

**Section 3:** Withdrawal: a list of Higher National Qualifications withdrawn from SQA's portfolio

**Section 4:** Withdrawal: a list of Higher National units withdrawn from SQA's portfolio

## Glossary of Terms

### Approval

This report includes information about the approval implications for new and revised Higher National Courses, Group Awards and units.

**Devolved Approval (designated Scottish colleges only)** When approval for a qualification is 'devolvable' to centres, this refers only to centres that have gained devolved authority for approval (select Scottish colleges only). Other centres seeking to offer these qualifications can contact our Business Development and Customer Support Team on 0303 333 0330, complete the [centre enquiry form](#) or refer to the [Deliver SQA Qualifications](#) website for further guidance

'**Approval extended**' means that a qualification is replacing an existing qualification and there are no significant changes that would affect a centre's ability to deliver it. Where centres were approved to offer the existing qualification, approval has been extended to them for the new one. For schools and colleges, this applies to qualifications not on the automatically approved list. For other centres, this applies in any case where a qualification is replacing an existing qualification and there are no significant changes that would affect a centre's ability to deliver it.

## Section 1: Higher National Group Awards starting 1 August 2024

There are currently no new Higher National Group Awards starting 1 August 2024

## Non-regulated work-based Group Awards starting 1 August 2024

There are currently no new non-regulated work-based Group Awards starting 1 August 2024

## Higher National Group Awards starting 1 August 2023

Below is a list of Higher National and Professional Development Award group awards which have been developed since the 2023 report with a start date of **1 August 2023**

Title	Code	Devolved Approval (designated Scottish colleges only)	New/ Revision	Approval Extended	Previous Code
Adult Learning in Scotland: an Introduction	GV3H 46	Yes	New		
Dental Practice Management	GV3A 48	Yes	Revision	Yes	G8RL 48
Gaelic Translation	GV4D 51	No	Revision	Yes	GN67 51
Installing and Maintaining Electronic Fire and Security Systems	GV4L 46	Yes	Revision	Yes	GJ7L 46
Preparing a Dental Practice for Inspection	GV3K 48	Yes	Revision	Yes	GL66 48
Recruitment and Performance Management of the Healthcare Team	GV3C 48	Yes	Revision	Yes	GP5M 48

## Non-regulated work-based Group Awards starting 1 August 2023

Title	Code	Devolved Approval (designated Scottish colleges only)	New/ Revision	Approval Extended	Previous Code
Career In Social Care: An Introduction	GV39 45	Yes	New		

## Section 2: Higher National Units starting 1 August 2024

There are currently no new Higher National units starting 1 August 2024

### Higher National Units starting 1 August 2023

Below is a list of Higher National units which have been developed since the 2023 report with a start date of **1 August 2023**

Title	Code	Devolved Approval (designated Scottish colleges only)	New/ Revision	Approval Extended	Previous Code
Adult Learning in Scotland: Methodology and Practice	J7N1 33	Yes	New		
Digital Journalism	J7YA 35	Yes	Revision	Yes	J121 35
Electronic Fire and Security Systems Installation:	J7YG 33	Yes	Revision	Yes	H6X2 33
Electronic Fire and Security Systems: Access Control Systems Installation	J7X2 33	Yes	Revision	Yes	H6T9 33
Electronic Fire and Security Systems: Fire Alarm Systems Installation	J7X1 33	Yes	Revision	Yes	H6T8 33
Financial Services: Risk Management	J7Y7 35	Yes	New		
Journalism: Scots Law 1	J824 34	Yes	Revision	Yes	J125 34
Linear Algebra 1	J81W 34	Yes	Revision	Yes	J2RB 34
Maintaining the Performance of Electronic Fire and Security Systems	J7YR 33	Yes	Revision	Yes	H6X4 33
Maxwell's Equations	J7XD 35	Yes	New		
Procedures for Aseptic Checking	J832 35	Yes	New		
Public Affairs	J81X 34	Yes	Revision	Yes	J127 34
Sports Therapy: Anatomy and Physiology	J7VX 34	Yes	Revision	Yes	H7VD 34
Wardrobe Management and Maintenance for Stage and Screen	J7TM 34	Yes	New		

### Section 3: Higher National Group Award — Withdrawals

The qualifications listed below will no longer be available after **31 July 2024**:

Title	Code	Finish Date	Revised by
Animal Nursing	GE94 15	31/07/2024	
Business	G9MM 16	31/07/2024	GT05 16
Coaching and Developing Sport	GD5R 15	31/07/2024	GP7X 15
Contemporary Art Practice	G8K5 16	31/07/2024	GP94 16
Creative Industries: Media and Communication	G9C1 16	31/07/2024	GR4D 16
Education Support Assistance	G9G4 46	31/07/2024	GV17 46
Gaelic Translation	GN67 51	31/07/2024	GV4D 51
Hospitality Management	GF4R 16	31/07/2024	GR1G 16
Oral Health Care: Dental Managers	G8RL 48	31/07/2024	GV3A 48
Practical Journalism with Shorthand	GP1N 15	31/07/2024	
Practice-based Learning for the Creative and Cultural Industries: Cultural Learning	GL4T 46	31/07/2024	
Professional Cookery	GF4T 16	31/07/2024	GR1W 16
Promoting Positive Behaviour	GK2E 47	31/07/2024	
Seal Management	GA1G 46	31/07/2024	
Sexual Health Training	GL59 47	31/07/2024	
Software Development	GL15 47	31/07/2024	
Supporting the Healthcare Team in the Workplace	GP5M 48	31/07/2024	GV3C 48

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- no new centres may be approved to offer the qualification
- centres should only enter candidates whom they expect to complete the qualification during the defined lapsing period

Title	Code	Finish Date	Revised by
Agricultural Science	G906 16	31/07/2025	
Coaching and Developing Sport	GD7G 16	31/07/2025	GR5J 16
Digital Media for Design and Print	G8VJ 16	31/07/2025	
Display Design	G93W 16	31/07/2025	
Ecological Surveying	GC3N 47	31/07/2025	GV2Y 47
Green Technology	G905 16	31/07/2025	
Poultry Production	G949 15	31/07/2025	GV1N 15
Practical Journalism with Shorthand	GP2G 16	31/07/2025	
Advertising and PR	GN5G 16	31/07/2026	GT4L 16
Bricklaying	GM4N 46	31/07/2026	GR9H 46
Carpentry and Joinery	GM4P 46	31/07/2026	GR9F 46
Floorcovering	GM4R 46	31/07/2026	G9RJ 46
Marketing	GN5J 16	31/07/2026	GT4M 16
Marketing Communications	GN5H 15	31/07/2026	GT4N 15
Network Technology	G8L5 48	31/07/2026	
Painting and Decorating	GM4T 46	31/07/2026	GR9G 46

Title	Code	Finish Date	Revised by
Plastering	GM4V 46	31/07/2026	GR9K 46
Roofing	GM4W 46	31/07/2026	GR9L 46
Stonemasonry	GM4X 46	31/07/2026	GT06 46
Wall and Floor Tiling	GM4Y 46	31/07/2026	GR9M 46
Woodmachining	GM50 46	31/07/2026	GT07 46
Training and Development for Delivery to Groups	GL16 47	31/07/2027	
Electronic Fire and Security Systems	GJ7L 46	31/07/2028	GV4L 46

## Section 4: Higher National Unit — Withdrawals

The units listed below will no longer be available after **31 July 2024**:

Title	Code	Finish Date	Revised by
Application of Management and Organisational Skills in Outdoor Activities	DP26 35	31/07/2024	J42E 35
Business Law: An Introduction	F84P 34	31/07/2024	J56B 34
Coaching Children	FW5X 34	31/07/2024	J41Y 34
Economics 1: Micro and Macro Theory and Application	F7J6 35	31/07/2024	J56G 35
Economics 2: The World Economy	F86E 35	31/07/2024	J576 35
Editing and Proof-reading	D7XK 35	31/07/2024	
Electronic Fire and Security Systems Installation: Health and Safety Practices	H6S2 33	31/07/2024	J6N7 33
Electronic Fire and Security Systems Installation: Introduction to Security	H6S3 33	31/07/2024	J6S1 33
Electronic Fire and Security Systems: CCTV Installation	H6X3 33	31/07/2024	J6S3 33
Electronic Fire and Security Systems: Electrical Engineering Principles	H6S4 33	31/07/2024	J6S2 33
Electronic Fire and Security Systems: Intruder and Hold-Up Alarm Systems Installation	H6T7 33	31/07/2024	J6S4 33
Flexibility Training	H4TD 34	31/07/2024	J420 34
Foundations of Outdoor Activities	DF8D 34	31/07/2024	J425 34
Inclusive Sport Coaching	FX9R 35	31/07/2024	J423 34
Inclusive Sports Provision: An Introduction	H01A 34	31/07/2024	J423 34
Journalism Skills: Introduction to Industry and Practice	F7PW 34	31/07/2024	J6JS 34
Linear Algebra 1	J2RB 34	31/07/2024	J81W 34
Nutrition for Sports Performance	F50B 35	31/07/2024	J42B 35
Preparing Financial Forecasts	F84R 35	31/07/2024	J577 35
Psychology of Sports Coaching	FW61 34	31/07/2024	J422 34
Psychology of Sports Performance	FX9V 35	31/07/2024	J429 35
Safe Practice in Outdoor Activities	FW64 34	31/07/2024	J424 34
Scottish Legal System	F1A7 34	31/07/2024	J6RY 34
Storage and Use of Medicines	J3JD 33	31/07/2024	J7HN 33
Strength and Conditioning for Sports Performance	FX9T 35	31/07/2024	J42A 35
Strength and Conditioning: An Introduction	FW60 34	31/07/2024	J421 34
Strength and Conditioning: An Introduction	H71W 34	31/07/2024	J421 34
The Media: Features and Trends	F607 34	31/07/2024	

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Anatomy, Physiology and Energy Systems	FW5P 34	31/07/2025	
Auditing Management Systems	DW6E 34	31/07/2025	
Dental Nursing: Preparing a Practice for Inspection	FN3V 35	31/07/2025	J7KX 35
Electronic Fire and Security Systems: Installation Practices	H6S5 33	31/07/2025	J74D 33
Law and the Media	J3J2 34	31/07/2025	J7GH 34
Plan and Facilitate Learning	F552 35	31/07/2025	J7KY 35
Sports Therapy: Anatomy and Physiology	H7VD 34	31/07/2025	J7VX 34
Supporting the Healthcare Team in the Workplace	J1LM 35	31/07/2025	J7LC 35
Working as Senior Air Cabin Crew	H1J4 34	31/07/2025	J7LJ 34
Electronic Fire and Security Systems: Signalling	H6TA 33	31/07/2026	J7C9 33
Digital Journalism	J121 35	31/07/2027	J7YA 35
Electronic Fire and Security Systems Installation: Commissioning	H6X2 33	31/07/2027	J7YG 33
Electronic Fire and Security Systems: Access Control Systems Installation	H6T9 33	31/07/2027	J7X2 33
Electronic Fire and Security Systems: Fire Alarm Systems Installation	H6T8 33	31/07/2027	J7X1 33
Journalism: Public Affairs	J127 34	31/07/2027	J127 34
Journalism: Scots Law 1	J125 34	31/07/2027	J824 34
Maintaining the Performance of Electronic Fire and Security Systems	H6X4 33	31/07/2027	J7YR 33