

Revisions to assessment in National 5 courses for session 2017-18 onwards

Subject	Changes to coursework?	Changes to question paper?	Current course assessment	Revised course assessment	Coursework revisions	Question paper revisions	Reasons for change / additional information
Accounting	Yes	Yes	Marks: Assignment - 50 Question paper - 100 Weightings: Assignment - 33% Question paper - 67%	Marks: Assignment - 50 Question paper - 130 Weightings: Assignment - 28% Question paper - 72%	The assignment will remain at 50 marks and will be similar to the current approach, however the completion period for candidates will now be 2 hours and the task will be issued approximately 3 weeks before the centre submission date.	The question paper will be extended by 30 marks to ensure greater subject content is sampled. The duration of the exam will therefore also increase. There will be no changes to the question types.	The question paper is being extended to ensure it samples a greater amount of course content, following the removal of units. The coursework duration and component weightings have been adjusted to enhance the overall reliability of the course assessment.
Administration and IT	Yes	Yes - new question paper will be introduced	Marks: Assignment - 100 Weightings: Assignment - 100%	Marks: Assignment - 70 Question paper - 50 Weightings: Assignment - 58% Question paper - 42%	The assignment will remain an integrated exercise. It will be similar to the current assignment but will no longer include spreadsheet and database tasks as these will now be assessed in the new question paper component. To reflect this, the number of available marks for the assignment will reduce from 100 marks to 70 marks and the time for completing the tasks will reduce from 4 hours to 3 hours.	A new question paper will be introduced that combines spreadsheet, database and theory tasks. It will take place during the examination diet and candidates will complete all tasks in the question paper using ICT equipment. The question paper will be worth 50 marks and will last 2 hours.	The adjustments to the existing assignment, and the introduction of a new practical-based question paper, will add breadth to the course assessment in a way that is manageable for candidates. This approach will facilitate the sampling of a greater amount of knowledge and skills, following the removal of the units.
Art and Design	Yes	Yes	Marks: Question paper - 40 Portfolio - 160 Weightings: Question paper - 20% Portfolio - 80%	Marks: Question paper - 50 Design portfolio - 100 Expressive portfolio - 100 Weightings: Question paper - 20% Design portfolio - 40% Expressive portfolio - 40%	The current portfolio component contains an expressive section that is worth 80 marks and a design section that is also worth 80 marks. This will now be separated into two portfolios; an expressive portfolio that is worth 100 marks and a design portfolio that is also worth 100 marks. The portfolios will be marked externally by SQA and each one will be marked by separate marking teams. The portfolios will now require submission of investigation, research and development work that was previously assessed as part of the units.	The question paper will be extended to include more questions and the number of available marks will increase from 40 marks to 50 marks. The duration of the exam will therefore also increase.	The question paper is being extended to ensure it samples a greater amount of course content, following the removal of units. The marks for each portfolio have increased from 80 to 100 marks to enhance the reliability of marking.
Biology	Yes	Yes	Marks: Assignment - 20 Question paper - 80 Weightings: Assignment - 20 % Question paper - 80%	Marks: Assignment - 20 Question paper - 100 Weighting: Assignment - 20% Question paper - 80% <i>Scaling will be used to achieve the weightings indicated above.</i>	Practical/experimental/field work will become a mandatory feature of the assignment. This will result in some changes to the activities that make up the assignment.	The question paper will be extended to include more questions and the number of available marks will increase from 80 marks to 100 marks. The duration of the exam will therefore also increase.	The question paper is being extended to ensure it samples a greater amount of course content following the removal of the units. We are removing some content from the course as a result of feedback from stakeholders who indicated that course content was excessive. Practical/experimental/field work will become a mandatory feature of the assignment following the removal of the units which currently assess this within outcome 1. The assignment will be scaled to maintain the current 20%:80% course assessment weighting.
Business Management	No	Yes	Marks: Assignment - 30 Question paper - 70 Weightings: Assignment - 30% Question paper - 70%	Marks: Assignment - 30 Question paper - 90 Weightings: Assignment - 25% Question paper - 75%	There will be no changes to the assignment, however the revised course documentation will provide further clarification on the conditions for assessment.	The question paper will be extended by 20 marks to ensure greater subject content is sampled. The duration of the exam will therefore also increase. There will be no changes to the question types.	The question paper is being extended to ensure it samples a greater amount of course content, following the removal of units. The clarification of the conditions of assessment for the assignment, and the adjustment of the component weightings, will enhance the reliability of the course assessment.
Care	Yes	Yes - new question paper will be introduced	Marks: Project - 100 Weightings: Project - 100%	Marks : Marks for project and question paper to be confirmed by end of April 2017 Weightings : Project - 67% Question paper - 33%	The project is currently worth 100% of the marks for the course assessment. It will be retained and will now be worth 67% of the course assessment.	A new question paper will be introduced that will be worth 33% of the course assessment.	The new question paper will give candidates further opportunities to apply a range of sociological and psychological theories. It will ensure that the course assessment samples knowledge and skills from across the whole course, following the removal of units.

Chemistry	Yes	Yes	Marks: Assignment - 20 Question paper - 80 Weightings: Assignment - 20% Question paper - 80%	Marks: Assignment - 20 Question paper - 100 Weightings: Assignment - 20% Question paper - 80% <i>Scaling will be used to achieve the weightings indicated above.</i>	Practical/experimental/field work will become a mandatory feature of the assignment. This will result in some changes to the activities that make up the assignment.	The question paper will be extended to include more questions and the number of available marks will increase from 80 marks to 100 marks. The duration of the exam will therefore also increase.	The question paper is being extended to ensure it samples a greater amount of course content, following the removal of the units. Practical/experimental/field work will become a mandatory feature of the assignment, following the removal of the units which currently assess this within outcome1. The assignment will be scaled to maintain the current 20%:80% course assessment weighting.
Classical Studies	No	Yes	Marks: Question paper - 60 Assignment - 20 Weightings: Question paper - 75% Assignment - 25%	Marks: Question paper - 80 Assignment - 20 Weightings: Question paper - 80% Assignment - 20%	There will be no change to the assignment, however the revised course documentation will provide further clarification on the conditions for assessment.	The question paper will be extended to include more questions and the number of available marks will increase from 60 marks to 80 marks. The duration of the exam will therefore also increase.	The question paper is being extended to ensure it samples a greater amount of course content, following the removal of units. The clarification of the assessment conditions for the assignment and the adjustment of the component weightings will enhance the reliability of the course assessment.
Computing Science	Yes	Yes	Marks: Assignment - 60 Question paper - 90 Weightings: Assignment - 40% Question paper - 60 %	Marks: Assignment - 50 Question paper - 110 Weightings: Assignment - 31 % Question paper - 69%	The assignment will be externally assessed by SQA and as a result the nature and structure of the assignment will change. The marks awarded for the assignment will reduce from 60 marks to 50 marks. Further details will be provided in due course.	The question paper will be extended to include more questions and the number of available marks will increase from 90 marks to 110 marks. The duration of the exam will therefore also increase.	The question paper is being extended to ensure it samples a greater amount of course content, following the removal of units. Moving to the external assessment of the assignment will address workload issues for teachers and address issues relating to the reliability of marking. The assignment task will be shortened and modified to reflect the reduction in marks from 60 to 50 and the reduced contribution of the assignment to the overall weighting of the course assessment. Weighting of the question paper and coursework has been adjusted to enhance the reliability of the course assessment.
Dance	No	Yes – new question paper will be introduced	Marks: Performance - 35 Practical activity - 65 Weightings: Performance - 35% Practical activity - 65%	Marks: Performance - 35 Practical activity - 65 Question paper - 30 Weightings: Performance - 35% Practical activity - 45% Question paper - 20% <i>Scaling will be used to achieve the weightings indicated above.</i>	There will be no change to the performance and practical activity components.	A new question paper will be introduced. The question paper will be worth 30 marks and will be externally marked by SQA.	The new question paper will assess the knowledge and understanding that is currently assessed in the units. Scaling will be applied to achieve the following weightings: performance 35%. practical activity 45% and question paper 20%.
Design and Manufacture	Yes	Yes	Marks: Assignment - 90 Question paper - 60 Weightings: Assignment - 60% Question paper 40%	Marks: Assignment 1 - 55 Assignment 2 - 45 Question paper - 80 Weightings: Assignment 1 - 30% Assignment 2 - 25% Question paper - 45%	The existing assignment will be extended and split into two separate assignments: one for design (Assignment 1) and one for manufacture (Assignment 2). Assignment 1 will be worth 55 marks and will be externally assessed by SQA. Assignment 2 will be worth 45 marks and will be internally marked by centres and subject to visiting verification by SQA.	The question paper will be extended and restructured to include more questions and the number of available marks will increase from 60 marks to 80 marks. The duration of the exam will therefore also increase.	The question paper is being extended to ensure it samples a greater amount of course content, following the removal of units. The assignment is being separated into two components to reduce the assessment burden on teachers and enhance the reliability of marking. Assignment 2 (the manufacturing component) will be assessed by centres due to the practical nature of the assessment.
Drama	No	Yes	Marks: Performance - 60 Question paper - 40 Weightings: Performance - 60% Question paper - 40%	Marks: Performance - 60 Question paper - 60 Weightings: Performance - 60% Question paper - 40% <i>Scaling will be used to achieve the weightings indicated above.</i>	There is no change to the performance component.	The question paper will be extended to include more questions and the number of available marks will increase from 40 marks to 60 marks. The duration of the exam will therefore also increase.	The question paper is being extended to ensure it samples a greater amount of course content, following the removal of units. Scaling will be applied to achieve the following weightings: performance 60% and question paper 40%.

Economics	No	Yes	Marks: Assignment - 30 Question paper - 70 Weightings: Assignment - 30% Question paper - 70%	Marks: Assignment - 30 Question paper - 90 Weightings: Assignment - 25% Question paper - 75%	There will be no change to the assignment, however the revised course documentation will provide further clarification on the conditions for assessment.	The question paper will be extended by 20 marks to ensure greater subject content is sampled. The duration of the exam will therefore also increase. There will be no changes to the question types.	The question paper is being extended to ensure it samples a greater amount of course content, following the removal of units. The clarification of the conditions of assessment for the assignment, and the adjustment of the component weightings, will enhance the reliability of the course assessment.
Engineering Science	Yes	Yes	Marks: Assignment - 60 Question paper - 90 Weightings: Assignment - 40% Question paper - 60 %	Marks: Assignment - 50 Question paper - 110 Weightings: Assignment - 31 % Question paper - 69%	The assignment will be externally assessed by SQA and as a result the nature and structure of the assignment will change. The marks awarded for the assignment will reduce from 60 marks to 50 marks.	The question paper will be extended to include more questions and the number of available marks will increase from 90 marks to 110 marks. The duration of the exam will therefore also increase.	The question paper is being extended to ensure it samples a greater amount of course content, following the removal of units. Moving to the external assessment of the coursework task will address workload issues for teachers and address issues relating to the reliability of marking. The assignment task will be shortened and modified to reflect the reduction in marks from 60 to 50 and the reduced contribution of the assignment to the overall course assessment. Weighting of the question paper and coursework has been adjusted to enhance the reliability of the course assessment.
English	Yes - new coursework component will be introduced	No	Marks: Portfolio - 30 Question paper 1 - 30 Question paper 2 - 40 Weightings: Portfolio - 30% Question paper 1 - 30% Question paper 2 - 40%	Marks: Spoken language - N/A Portfolio - 30 Question paper 1 - 30 Question paper 2 - 40 Weightings: Spoken language - N/A Portfolio - 30% Question paper 1 - 30% Question paper 2 - 40%	There will be no change to the existing writing portfolio. However, we will introduce a new mandatory 'spoken language' (combined speaking and listening) component. To maximise flexibility, this component will be internally assessed as 'achieved' or 'not achieved' and will be based on existing standards. To gain the course award, candidates will need to achieve the minimum requirements of this component. Historic delivery experience in Scotland, and guidance from awarding bodies across the UK, indicates that the most successful way to assess these skills is on an 'achieved' or 'not achieved' basis.	There will be no change to the existing question papers.	The new internally assessed 'spoken language' component will ensure that all four literacy skills will continue to be assessed within the National 5 English Course, following the removal of units.
Environmental Science	Yes	Yes	Marks: Assignment - 20 Question paper - 80 Weightings: Assignment - 20 % Question paper - 80%	Marks: Assignment - 20 Question paper - 100 Weightings: Assignment - 20% Question paper - 80% <i>Scaling will be used to achieve the weightings indicated above.</i>	Practical/experimental/field work will become a mandatory feature of the assignment and this will result in some changes to the activities that make up the assignment.	The question paper will be extended to include more questions and the number of available marks will increase from 80 marks to 100 marks. The duration of the exam will therefore also increase.	The question paper is being extended to ensure it samples a greater amount of course content, following the removal of the units. Practical/experimental/field work will become a mandatory feature of the assignment, following the removal of the units which currently assess this within outcome 1. The assignment will be scaled to maintain the current 20%:80% course assessment weighting.
ESOL	No	Yes	Marks: Performance (speaking and listening) - 30 Question paper: Listening - 20 Reading/writing - 50 Weighting: Performance (speaking and listening) - 30% Question paper: Listening - 20% Reading/writing - 50%	Marks: Performance (speaking and listening) - 30 Question paper: Listening - 25 Reading/writing - 65 Weightings: Performance (speaking and listening) - 30% Question paper: Listening - 20% Reading/writing - 50% <i>Scaling will be used to achieve the weightings indicated above.</i>	The performance (speaking and listening) component will remain unchanged.	The question papers will be extended by 20 marks and the duration of the exam will also increase as a result. The extension of the question paper will allow an increase in the sampling of the course content as follows: Listening - an additional 5 marks (20 to 25 marks) Reading - an additional 10 marks (25 to 35 marks) Writing - an additional 5 marks (25 to 30 marks).	The extension of the question papers will allow an increase in the sampling of the course content, following the removal of units. Scaling will be applied to retain the current component weightings.

Fashion and Textile Technology	Yes	Yes - new question paper will be introduced	Marks: Practical activity - 70 Weighting: Practical activity - 100%	Marks: Practical activity - 100 Question paper - 30 Weightings: Practical activity - 70% Question paper - 30% <i>Scaling will be used to achieve the weightings indicated above.</i>	The practical activity will be extended and the number of available marks will increase from 70 marks to 100 marks.	A new question paper will be introduced. It will be worth 30 marks and will be externally marked by SQA.	The new question paper will assess the knowledge and understanding that is currently assessed in the units. The number of available marks in the practical activity will be increased to cover course content that is no longer assessed following the removal of the units. Scaling will be applied to achieve the following weightings: practical activity 70% and question paper 30%.
Gàidhlig	Yes	No	Marks: Performance: talking - 30 Question paper 1: Reading and writing - 50 Question paper 2: Listening - 20 Weightings: Performance: talking - 30% Question paper 1: Reading and writing - 50% Question paper 2: Listening - 20%	Marks: Assignment: writing - 20 Performance: talking - 30 Question paper 1: Literature - 50 Question paper 2: Listening - 20 Weightings: Assignment : writing - 16.5% Performance: talking - 25% Question paper 1: Reading and writing - 42% Question paper 2: Listening - 16.5%	A new externally assessed writing assignment will be introduced that will be worth 20 marks. This will involve the creation and submission of one piece of writing, which will be marked by SQA and will use assessment approaches similar to those developed in the National 5 'Creation and Production' unit.	There will be no change to the assessment approach in the current question papers. Question paper 1, 'Reading and Writing', will be renamed 'Literature' to reflect the focus on critical reading.	These revisions will ensure that the current knowledge and skills will continue to be assessed, following the removal of the units. The adjustment of the component weightings will enhance the reliability of the course assessment.
Geography	No	Yes	Marks: Question paper - 60 Assignment - 20 Weightings: Question paper - 75% Assignment - 25%	Marks: Question paper - 80 Assignment - 20 Weightings: Question paper - 80% Assignment - 20%	There will be no changes to the assignment, however the revised course documentation will provide further clarification on the conditions for assessment.	The question paper will be extended to include more questions and the number of marks will increase from 60 marks to 80. The duration of the exam will therefore also increase. Candidates will be asked to answer questions on physical environments (including a choice from two questions relating to the type of landscape studied) and human environments. Candidates will also answer two questions, from a choice of six, on global issues.	The question paper is being extended to ensure it samples a greater amount of course content, following the removal of units. The clarification of the conditions of assessment for the assignment, and the adjustment of the component weightings, will enhance the reliability of the course assessment.
Graphic Communication	Yes	Yes	Marks: Assignment - 60 Question paper - 60 Weightings: Assignment - 50% Question paper - 50 %	Marks: Assignment - 40 Question paper - 80 Weightings: Assignment - 33% Question paper - 67%	The assignment will be externally assessed by SQA and as a result the nature and structure of the assignment will change. The marks awarded for the assignment will reduce from 60 marks to 40 marks.	The question paper will be extended to include more questions and the number of available marks will increase from 60 marks to 80 marks. The duration of the exam will therefore also increase.	The question paper is being extended to ensure it samples a greater amount of course content, following the removal of units. Moving to the external assessment of the assignment will address workload issues for teachers and address issues relating to the reliability of marking. The assignment will be shortened and modified to reflect the reduction in marks from 60 to 40 and the reduced contribution of the assignment to the overall course assessment. Weighting of the question paper and coursework has been adjusted to enhance the reliability of the course assessment.
Health and Food Technology	Yes	Yes	Marks: Assignment - 50 Question paper - 50 Weightings: Assignment - 50% Question paper - 50%	Marks: Assignment - 60 Question paper - 60 Weightings: Assignment - 50% Question paper - 50%	The assignment will be extended from 50 marks to 60 marks. Some sections of the assignment will be marked internally and the other sections will be submitted to SQA for external marking.	The question paper will be extended to include more questions and the number of available marks will increase from 50 marks to 60 marks. The duration of the exam will therefore also increase.	The question paper and assignment are being extended to ensure they sample a greater amount of course content, following the removal of units.
History	No	Yes	Marks: Question paper - 60 Assignment - 20 Weightings: Question paper - 75% Assignment - 25%	Marks: Question paper - 80 Assignment - 20 Weightings: Question paper - 80% Assignment - 20%	There will be no changes to the assignment, however the revised course documentation will provide further clarification on the conditions for assessment.	The question paper will be extended to include more questions and the number of available marks will increase from 60 marks to 80 marks. The duration of the exam will therefore also increase. All four issues in the mandatory content will be sampled in each context (Scottish, British, European & World), which is a change from the current question paper which samples three out of four issues.	The question paper is being extended to ensure it samples a greater amount of course content, following the removal of units. The clarification of the conditions of assessment for the assignment, and the adjustment of the component weightings, will enhance the reliability of the course assessment.

Hospitality: Practical Cake Craft	Yes	Yes - new question paper will be introduced	Marks: Practical activity - 100 Weightings: Practical activity - 100%	Marks: Practical activity - 100 Question paper - 30 (to be confirmed by end of April 2017) Weightings: Practical activity - 75% Question paper - 25% <i>Scaling will be used to achieve the weightings indicated above.</i>	There will be no change to the practical activity.	A new question paper will be introduced that will be worth around 30 marks (we will confirm the number of marks by end of April 2017) . The question paper will be externally assessed by SQA.	The new question paper will assess the knowledge and understanding that is currently assessed in the units. Scaling will be applied to achieve the following weightings: practical activity 75% and question paper 25%.
Hospitality: Practical Cookery	Yes	Yes – new question paper will be introduced	Marks: Practical activity - 100 Weightings: Practical activity - 100%	Marks: Practical activity - 100 Question paper - 30 (to be confirmed by end of April 2017) Weightings: Practical activity - 75% Question paper - 25% <i>Scaling will be used to achieve the weightings indicated above.</i>	The practical activity will continue to be assessed across three stages. Stage 1 will be completed in centres and submitted to SQA for external marking. Stages 2 and 3 will be internally marked and subject to visiting verification.	A new question paper will be introduced that will be worth around 30 marks (we will confirm the number of marks by end of April 2017). The question paper will be externally assessed by SQA .	The new question paper will assess the knowledge and understanding that is currently assessed in the units. Scaling will be applied to achieve the following weightings: practical activity 75% and question paper 25%.
Latin	N/A	Yes	Marks: Question paper 1: Literary appreciation - 30 Question paper 2: Translating - 30 Weightings: Question paper 1: Literary appreciation - 50% Question paper 2: Translating - 50%	Marks: Question paper 1: Literary appreciation - 60 Question paper 2: Translating - 40 Weightings: Question paper 1: Literary appreciation - 50% Question paper 2: Translating - 50% <i>Scaling will be used to achieve the weightings indicated above.</i>	N/A	The Literacy Appreciation question paper will be increased from 30 to 60 marks. The duration of the exam will therefore also increase. Candidates will still be required to answer questions on two prescribed texts, however we will increase the range of questions for each author to sample more content from the course. For the Translating question paper, the assessment task and duration of the exam will remain unchanged. However, to enhance the reliability of marking, the number of blocks (sense units) will increase from 15 to 20 and the total number of marks available will increase to 40. Overall, both papers will be weighted equally.	The Literacy Appreciation question paper is being extended to ensure it samples a greater amount of course content, following the removal of units. The changes to the marking of the Translating paper will enhance the reliability of the course assessment. Scaling will be applied to retain the current component weightings.
Lifeskills Mathematics	N/A	Yes	Marks: Question paper 1 - 35 Question paper 2 - 55 Weightings: Question paper 1 - 39 % Question paper 2 - 61%	Marks: Question paper 1 - 45 Question paper 2 - 65 Weightings: Question paper 1 - 41% Question paper 2 - 59%	N/A	Both question papers will be extended. Question paper 1 will increase from 35 marks to 45 marks and question paper 2 will increase from 55 to 65 marks. The duration of the exam will also increase as a result.	The questions papers are being extended to ensure they sample a greater amount of course content, following the removal of units. As a result of feedback from stakeholders, Lifeskills Mathematics will be renamed from session 2017-18 onwards and we will consult with teachers and other key stakeholders before a final decision is made regarding the title. There has been a marginal change in the weighting between question papers 1 and 2 but this should have no overall impact on the assessment of mandatory knowledge and skills across the two papers.
Mathematics	N/A	Yes	Marks: Question paper 1 - 40 Question paper 2 - 50 Weightings: Question paper 1 - 44% Question paper 2 - 56%	Marks: Question paper 1 - 50 Question paper 2 - 60 Weightings: Question paper 1 - 45 % Question paper 2 - 55%	N/A	Both question papers will be extended to include more questions. The number of marks available in question paper 1 will increase from 40 marks to 50 marks and the number of marks available in question paper 2 will increase from 50 marks to 60 marks. The duration of each exam will therefore also increase.	The question papers are being extended to ensure they sample a greater amount of course content, following the removal of units. There has been a marginal change in the weighting between question papers 1 and 2 but this should have no overall impact on the assessment of mandatory knowledge and skills across the two papers.

Media	Yes	Yes	Marks: Assignment - 50 Question paper - 50 Weightings: Assignment - 50% Question paper - 50%	Marks: Assignment - 60 Question paper - 60 Weightings: Assignment - 50% Question paper - 50%	The assignment will be extended from 50 marks to 60 marks to include an evaluative element in the 'Development' section.	The question paper will be extended by 10 marks to 60 marks by adding a new 'Analysis of a Media Text' section. The duration of the exam will therefore also increase.	The existing question paper and assignment will be extended to ensure that the current knowledge and skills will continue to be assessed in the course, following the removal of units.
Modern Languages (Chinese Languages, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Gaelic (Learners), Urdu)	Yes	No	Marks: Performance: talking - 30 Question paper 1: Reading - 30 Writing - 20 Question paper 2: Listening - 20 Weightings: Performance: talking - 30% Question paper 1: Reading - 30% Writing - 20% Question paper 2: Listening - 20%	Marks: Assignment: writing - 20 Performance: talking - 30 Question paper 1: Reading - 30 Writing - 20 Question paper 2: Listening - 20 Weightings: Assignment: writing - 12.5% Performance: talking - 25% Question paper 1: Reading - 25% Writing - 12.5% Question paper 2o: Listening - 25% <i>Scaling will be used to achieve the weightings indicated above.</i>	A new course component, 'assignment: writing', will be introduced which will be worth 20 marks. This assignment will use similar assessment approaches to those currently developed in the National 5 'Using Language' unit. Candidates will create and submit one piece of writing which will be externally marked by SQA. In addition, in order to enhance breadth and maximise opportunities for candidates to fully demonstrate their skills the assessment conditions for the 'performance: talking' component will be updated. This will require candidates to discuss a second context in the conversation section.	There will be no change to the current question papers.	These revisions will ensure that the current knowledge and skills will continue to be assessed in the course, following the removal of units. To recognise the equal status of all four language skills, scaling will be applied to ensure they are given equal weighting.
Modern Studies	No	Yes	Marks: Question paper - 60 Assignment - 20 Weightings: Question paper 75% Assignment 25%	Marks: Question paper - 80 Assignment - 20 Weightings: Question paper - 80% Assignment - 20%	There will be no change to the assignment, however the revised course documentation will provide further clarification on the conditions for assessment.	The question paper will be extended to include more questions and the number of available marks will increase from 60 marks to 80 marks. The duration of the exam will therefore also increase. The extension to the question paper will broaden the scope for the assessment of knowledge and understanding of democracy, social issues and international issues.	The question paper is being extended to ensure it samples a greater amount of course content, following the removal of units. The clarification of the conditions of assessment for the assignment and the adjustment of the component weightings will enhance the reliability of the course assessment.
Music	Yes - new coursework component will be introduced	No	Marks: Performance - 60 Question paper - 40 Weightings: Performance - 60% Question paper - 40%	Marks: Performance - 60 Question paper - 40 Assignment - 30 Weightings: Performance - 50% Question paper - 35% Assignment - 15% <i>Scaling will be used to achieve the weightings indicated above.</i>	A new assignment will be introduced that will assess composing skills. The assignment will be worth 30 marks and will be externally marked by SQA. There are no changes to the performance component.	There are no changes to the question paper.	The new assignment will assess composing, a key aspect of the course that is currently assessed as part of the Music: Composing Skills unit. Scaling will be applied to achieve the following weightings: performance 50%, question paper 35% and assignment 15%.
Music Technology	Yes	Yes	Marks: Assignment - 70 Question paper - 30 Weightings: Assignment - 70% Question paper - 30%	Marks: Assignment - 100 (to be confirmed) Question paper - 40 Weightings: Assignment 70% Question paper 30% <i>Scaling will be used to achieve the weightings indicated above.</i>	The number of marks for the assignment will be increased. This is likely to be 100 marks, which will be split across two tasks. We will confirm this by the end of April 2017.	The question paper will be extended to include more questions and the number of available marks will increase from 30 marks to 40 marks. The duration of the exam will therefore also increase.	The question paper and assignment are being extended to ensure they sample a greater amount of course content, following the removal of units. Scaling will be applied to achieve the following weightings: assignment 70% and question paper 30%.

Philosophy	Yes	Yes	Marks: Question paper - 50 Assignment - 30 Weightings: Question paper - 62.5% Assignment - 37.5%	Marks: Question paper - 80 Assignment - 20 Weightings: Question paper - 80% Assignment - 20%	The assignment will be reduced from 30 marks to 20 marks and the task will be revised to reflect this. The revised course documentation will also clarify the assessment conditions. The question paper will allow for an increase in the marks allocated to the assessment of the 'Arguments in Action' section and increased sampling in the other two sections.	The question paper will be extended to include more questions and the number of available marks will increase from 50 marks to 80 marks. The duration of the exam will therefore also increase. The question paper will allow for an increase in the marks allocated to the assessment of the 'Arguments in Action' section and increased sampling in the other two sections.	Both components have been amended to assess the knowledge and understanding that is currently assessed in the units. The question paper is being extended and the number of marks for the assignment is being reduced, to allow for greater sampling across the course content following the removal of units. The clarification of the conditions of assessment for the assignment, and the adjustment of the component weightings, will enhance the reliability of the overall course assessment.
Physical Education	Yes	N/A	Marks: Performance - 60 Portfolio - 40 Weightings: Performance - 60% Portfolio - 40%	Marks: Performance - 60 Portfolio - 60 Weightings: Performance - 50% Portfolio - 50%	The performance will now comprise two single performances, each worth 30 marks, that showcase different activities. Each activity will be internally assessed and will be subject to external verification from SQA. The portfolio component will be extended and revised. It will increase from 40 marks to 60 marks to include the skills of planning and evaluation. The portfolio will be subject to external marking by SQA. The revised course documentation will provide further clarification on the conditions of assessment.	N/A	The performance component is being extended to two single performances, following the removal of the units. The portfolio component will be extended to include the assessment of planning and evaluation which were previously assessed in the performance component. Both components will carry equal weighting.
Physics	Yes	Yes	Marks: Assignment - 20 Question paper - 110 (scaled to 80) Weightings: Assignment - 20 % Question paper - 80%	Marks: Assignment - 20 Question paper - 135 (scaled to 100) Weightings: Assignment - 20% Question paper - 80% <i>Scaling will be used to achieve the weightings indicated above.</i>	Practical/experimental/field work will become a mandatory feature of the assignment and this will result in some changes to the activities that make up the assignment.	The question paper will be extended to include more questions and the number of available marks will increase from 110 marks to 135 marks. The duration of the exam will therefore also increase.	The question paper is being extended to ensure it samples a greater amount of course content, following the removal of the units. Practical/experimental/field work will become a mandatory feature of the assignment, following the removal of the units which currently assess this within outcome 1. The assignment will be scaled to maintain the current 20%:80% course assessment weighting.
Practical Electronics	Yes	Yes – new question paper will be introduced	Marks: Assignment - 80 Weightings: Assignment - 100%	Marks: Question paper - 60 (scaled to 30) Assignment - 70 Weightings: Question paper - 30% Assignment - 70% <i>Scaling will be used to achieve the weightings indicated above.</i>	The marks allocated to the assignment will be reduced from 80 marks to 70 marks. Candidates will continue to select from a bank of assignments.	A new question paper will be introduced that will test candidates' knowledge and understanding. The question paper will be worth 60 marks, which will be scaled to 30 marks.	The new question paper will assess the knowledge and understanding that is currently assessed in the units. The mark allocation for the assignment will be reduced from 80 to 70 marks to reflect the addition of a new question paper component. The question paper mark will be scaled from 60 to 30 in order to maintain a course assessment weighting that reflects the practical nature of the course.
Practical Metalworking	Yes	Yes – new question paper will be introduced	Marks: Assignment - 80 Weightings: Assignment - 100%	Marks: Question paper - 60 (scaled to 30) Assignment - 70 Weightings: Question paper - 30% Assignment - 70% <i>Scaling will be used to achieve the weightings indicated above.</i>	The marks allocated to the assignment will be reduced from 80 marks to 70 marks. We will now issue a new coursework task each year.	A new question paper will be introduced that will test candidates' knowledge and understanding. The question paper will be worth 60 marks, which will be scaled to 30 marks.	The new question paper will assess the knowledge and understanding that is currently assessed in the units. The mark allocation for the assignment will be reduced from 80 to 70 marks to reflect the addition of a new question paper component. The issue of an annual assignment coursework task will increase the reliability of marking of the assignment coursework component. The question paper mark will be scaled from 60 to 30 to maintain a course assessment weighting that reflects the practical nature of the course.

Practical Woodworking	Yes	Yes – new question paper will be introduced	Marks: Assignment - 80 Weightings: Assignment - 100%	Marks: Question paper - 60 (scaled to 30) Assignment - 70 Weightings: Question paper - 30% Assignment - 70% <i>Scaling will be used to achieve the weightings indicated above.</i>	The marks allocated to the assignment will be reduced from 80 marks to 70 marks. We will now issue a new coursework task each year.	A new question paper will be introduced that will test candidates' knowledge and understanding. The question paper will be worth 60 marks, which will be scaled to 30 marks.	The new question paper will assess the knowledge and understanding that is currently assessed in the units. The mark allocation for the assignment will be reduced from 80 to 70 marks to reflect the addition of a new question paper component. The issue of an annual assignment coursework task will increase the reliability of marking of the assignment coursework component. The question paper mark will be scaled from 60 to 30 to maintain a course assessment weighting that reflects the practical nature of the course.
Psychology	No	Yes	Marks: Question paper - 50 Assignment - 30 Weightings: Question paper - 62.5% Assignment - 37.5%	Marks: Question paper - 70 Assignment - 30 Weightings: Question paper - 70% Assignment - 30%	There will be no change to the assignment, however the revised course documentation will provide further clarification on the conditions for assessment. We will also make available the template for the assignment that was previously provided.	The question paper will be extended to include more questions and the number of available marks will increase from 50 marks to 70 marks. The duration of the exam will therefore also increase. Each year, the question paper will sample mandatory content along with a series of specific optional topics. This is a similar approach to the question paper that was previously used in the Intermediate 2 course.	The question paper is being extended to ensure it samples a greater amount of course content, following the removal of units. The clarification of the conditions of assessment for the assignment, and the adjustment of the component weightings, will enhance the reliability of the course assessment.
RMPS	No	Yes	Marks: Question paper - 60 Assignment - 20 Weightings: Question paper - 75% Assignment - 25%	Marks: Question paper - 80 Assignment - 20 Weightings: Question paper - 80% Assignment - 20%	There will be no change to the assignment, however the revised course documentation will provide further clarification on the conditions for assessment.	The question paper will be extended to include more questions and the number of available marks will increase from 60 marks to 80. The duration of the exam will therefore also increase.	The question paper is being extended to ensure it samples a greater amount of course content, following the removal of units. The clarification of the conditions of assessment for the assignment, and the adjustment of the component weightings, will enhance the reliability of the course assessment.
Sociology	No	Yes	Marks: Question paper - 50 Assignment - 30 Weightings: Question paper - 62.5% Assignment - 37.5%	Marks: Question paper - 70 Assignment - 30 Weightings: Question paper - 70% Assignment - 30%	There will be no change to the assignment, however the revised course documentation will provide further clarification on the conditions for assessment.	The question paper will be extended to include more questions and the number of available marks will increase from 50 marks to 70 marks. The duration of the exam will therefore also increase.	The question paper is being extended to ensure it samples a greater amount of course content, following the removal of units. The clarification of the conditions of assessment for the assignment, and the adjustment of the component weightings, will enhance the reliability of the course assessment.