

National Qualifications
Course Specification



A Guide for Pupils & Parents

National Qualifications

In order to pass National Qualifications at National 4 or 5 level, it is compulsory that pupils complete and pass all aspects of each course. This includes all internal units, folio submissions and projects. For National 5 qualifications, pupils will only be presented for the final examination if all internal aspects are completed successfully.

How will they be assessed?

National 4 - courses will be marked and assessed by teachers in school. Subject information later in this booklet will help you find out more about how we will manage internal assessment. SQA will check assessments to ensure that assessment judgements are consistent and meet national standards.

National 5 - National 5 courses will also include units that are assessed and marked by teachers. Course assessments will continue to be externally marked by SQA or, where appropriate, internally assessed by the school.

The Course assessment will normally be carried out using one or two assessment methods from seven possible types:

- assignment
- case study
- practical activity
- performance
- portfolio
- project
- question paper/test

This booklet can be used in conjunction with the National 4/5 booklet available on the website or as stand-alone information. It breaks down the assessment of each National Qualification and highlights, in a simplistic format, the requirements of each course. **All units, portfolios etc. listed must be completed successfully to pass the relevant National Qualification.**