

Overview of National Qualifications 2017 -18

NATIONAL 3	NATIONAL 4	NATIONAL 5	HIGHER	ADVANCED HIGHER
Contexts:	Contexts:	Contexts:	Contexts:	Contexts:
Society, Learning, Employability, Culture	Society, Learning, Employability, Culture	Society, Learning, Employability, Culture	Society, Learning, Employability, Culture	Society, learning, employability, culture
Simple language	Straightforward language	Detailed language	Detailed + complex language	Complex + sophisticated
Unit Assessments	Unit Assessments	Unit Assessments – no longer mandatory	Unit Assessments – mandatory until end of session 2017-18	Unit Assessments – mandatory until end of session 2018-19
Pass or Fail only:	Pass or Fail only:	Pass or Fail only:	Pass or Fail only:	Pass or Fail only:
1 Reading	1 Reading	1 Reading	1 Reading	1 reading
1 Listening	1 Listening	1 Listening	1 Listening	1 listening
1 Writing	1 Writing	1 Writing	1 Writing	1 writing
1 Talking	1 Talking	1 Talking	1 Talking	1 conversation
				Specialist study –research an aspect of literature or language in work
	Added Value Unit (AVU):	Course Assessment	Course Assessment	Course Assessment
	1 Reading 1 Listening 1 Talking	Performance: Talking* 30 Presentation : 1 – 2 mins 10 Conversation: 5- 6 mins 15 Sustaining conversation : 5 Total: 6-8 minutes approx. Assignment: Writing 120-150 words Marked out of 20, scaled to 15	Performance: Talking* 30 Presentation : 1.5 - 2 mins 10 Conversation 4.5 - 6 mins 15 Sustaining Conversation 5 Total: 6 – 8 mins approx.	Portfolio 30 1 essay written in English (1200-1500 words) Performance: Talking* 50 Discussion: 20 mins
	Writing possible if you get pupils to do a written presentation for their Talking N.B. Reading/Listening - the reading/listening can be used for Unit Assessment if there is an overall purpose question.	External Examination	External Examination	External Examination
		Paper 1 : Reading- 3 texts 30 Writing-120-150 Marked out of 20, scaled to 15 Paper 2 : Listening - 1 monologue 8 1 dialogue 12 Marked out of 20, scaled to 30	Paper 1 : Reading – 1 text 20 Translation 10 Writing 10 Paper 2 : Listening/Writing 1 monologue 8 1 dialogue 12 Writing 10	Paper 1: Reading – 1 text 30 Translation 20 Paper 2 : Listening/Discursive essay Monologue 10 Conversation 20 Writing 40
No External Examination	No External Examination	Graded A-D	Graded A-D	Graded A-D

*. Assessment task set and conducted by centre. Marks submitted to SQA. **Must be audio recorded.**

* Assessment task set by centre according to SQA guidelines. **Assessment conducted by external examiner. Must be audio recorded.**