

Route map through assessment

Course: Media

Level: National 4

This document is intended to assist staff in planning and delivering the overall vision for Curriculum for Excellence.

The vision for the new national qualifications is to create assessment opportunities that follow and support learning and teaching. This follows the principles laid out in *Building the Curriculum 5* and makes assessment a natural part of learning and teaching.

This route map aims to signpost all of the relevant material that is available to support your subject. Your professional judgement is vital and the documents listed below are intended to support you in deciding the most appropriate ways to generate evidence and assess learners.

Education Scotland has produced a professional focus paper for media, and this is a good starting point as it provides support to help develop learning and teaching approaches that take forward the purposes and principles of Curriculum for Excellence through Media National 4.

http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/resources/nq/m/ngresource_tcm4744379.asp?strReferringChannel=educationscotland&strReferringPageID=tcm:4-615801-64

Media National 4 course content

The main SQA media page is found at <http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/45666.html>, with pages specifically related to National 4 at <http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47408.html>. Staff should also regularly check the updates and announcements section of this page.

The course specification can be found at

http://www.sqa.org.uk/files_ccc/CfE_CourseSpec_N4_Languages_Media.pdf.

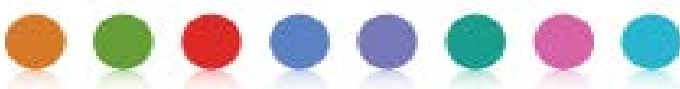
There are three units: Analysing Media Content, Creating Media Content and the Added Value Unit.

Analysing Media Content: The purpose of this unit is to develop the skills to analyse media content. This unit provides learners with the opportunity to develop knowledge of the key aspects of media literacy central to the straightforward analysis of media content.

http://www.sqa.org.uk/files_ccc/CfE_Unit_N4_Media_AnalysingMediaContent.pdf

Creating Media Content: The purpose of this unit is to develop the skills to plan and create straightforward media content and to comment on production processes. This unit provides learners with the opportunity to develop knowledge of the key aspects of media literacy central to creating straightforward media content.

http://www.sqa.org.uk/files_ccc/CfE_Unit_N4_Media_CreatingMediaContent.pdf



Added Value Unit: Media Assignment: The purpose of this unit is to provide learners with the opportunity to apply and integrate their skills in analysing and creating straightforward media content. Learners analyse, plan, create and evaluate media content on a chosen topic that develops their personal interests.

There is a full package of unit assessment support available on the [SQA Secure](#) website for these mandatory units. The package includes unit assessments for both combined and unit-by-unit approaches.

Unit assessment

The above units are mandatory when taken as part of the Media National 4 course but they can also be stand-alone units. Unit support notes follow on from the course support notes.

http://www.sqa.org.uk/files_ccc/CfE_CourseUnitSupportNotes_N4_Languages_Media.pdf

To achieve the full Media National 4 award learners must pass all of the units, including the Added Value Unit.

Added Value Unit – Media assignment

http://www.sqa.org.uk/files_ccc/CfE_Unit_N4_Media_AddedValueUnit.pdf

Added Value Unit

For this unit learners will be required to provide evidence of:

- media analysis skills
- straightforward planning and research skills
- straightforward production skills (from pre-production, production, post-production as appropriate)
- straightforward evaluation skills
- knowledge of appropriate key aspects of media literacy.

The assessment method for this unit is an assignment in which the learner will apply their analysis and production skills to analyse, plan, create and evaluate media content on a chosen topic.

Setting the assessment

The assignment is set by SQA and applied to a brief set by centres. It will be a meaningful and appropriately challenging task that allows learners to demonstrate application of analysis and production skills at an appropriate level.

Evidence will be internally marked by centre staff in line with SQA guidelines.

There is a full package of unit assessment support and guidance available on the [SQA Secure](#) website for the Added Value Assignment.

Verification

The verification process is intended be supportive to staff.

Internal verification is the process of ensuring standards are applied uniformly and consistently within a school in line with national standards. External verification is the process of ensuring that national standards are maintained consistently across all schools.

Quality assurance: <http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/58448.html>.

The following links will also support staff when preparing evidence for verification purposes, including prior verification as well as internal and external verification:

http://www.sqa.org.uk/files_ccc/Prior%20Verification%20Centre%20Guidance%20FINAL.pdf

http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/files_ccc/InternalVerificationGuideforSQACentres.pdf

http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/files_ccc/Evidence_required_for_verificationevents.pdf

http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/files_ccc/SQA_Evidence_retention_requirements_A3_table.pdf

Other useful websites

Link to support materials for current national qualifications that may be adapted to suit new national qualifications:

<http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/nationalqualifications/subjects/mediastudies.asp>

http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/resources/nq/m/ngresource_tcm4230258.asp?strReferringChannel=educationscotland&strReferringPageID=tcm:4-615801-64

http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/resources/nq/m/ngresource_tcm4230257.asp?strReferringChannel=educationscotland&strReferringPageID=tcm:4-615801-64