

HIGHER NATIONAL

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THE NEXT GENERATION

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WHAT IS NEXTGEN: HN?

We have adapted our Higher National qualifications to give learners the skills they need to thrive in the modern workplace.

Our Next Generation Higher National (NextGen: HN) qualifications:

- are adaptable and flexible to respond to the needs of a constantly changing employment environment
- support life-long learning and multiple career options
- integrate essential meta-skills – transferable behaviours and abilities that help learners adapt and succeed in life, study and work
- develop critical industry and subject-specific technical skills

- HNC/Ds designed to be individual qualifications.
- To comprise of 120 SCQF credit points at Level 7 and 8 respectively.
- Larger and fewer units.
- Inclusion of a mandatory project-based unit worth at least 24 SCQF credit points (3 SQA credits).
- Reduction in assessment load.
- Mandatory Learning for Sustainability (LfS) outcome.
- Mandatory meta-skills outcome and incorporated in grading.
- New grading model and grading principles, no graded unit.
- New supportive approach to external quality assurance.
- Digital by design - use of technology embedded to enhance and support assessment, learning and teaching approaches.



NEXTGEN: HN DESIGN PRINCIPLES

OUR RANGE OF RESOURCES

- [NextGen: HN webpages](#)
- [Course documentation](#)
- [SQA Academy e-learning modules](#)
- [Webinars](#)
- [Blogs](#)
- [Case studies](#)
- [NextGen: HN News](#)

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ESSENTIAL TRAINING

About NextGen: HN

Our [About NextGen: HN webpage](#) provides a good overview of the NextGen: HN programme of work and what is different about it. It also provides an overview of qualifications in development and signpost to resources that will give deeper insight.

Meta-skills

[This 30-minute SQA Academy module](#) provides information for practitioners about the inclusion of meta-skills within NextGen: HN modules.

Meta-skills in practice documents, found on the [meta-skills webpage](#), show how subject-specialists have approached the integration of meta-skills within course delivery.



Learning for Sustainability

[This 25-minute SQA Academy module](#) aims to develop a basic understanding of some of the key social, economic, and environmental challenges we face alongside the role of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals and Scotland's approach to LfS.

Assessment Support

[This 15-minute SQA Academy module](#) is the first in a series of Assessment Support modules and aims to give a good foundation in understanding of principles to apply in assessment design.

This introductory module revisits the fundamentals of assessment before asking you to consider opportunities for a combined and integrated approach. It may be of particular interest to those who are newer to assessment design and creation.

Grading Model

[This 30-minute SQA Academy module](#) helps you understand how NextGen: HN qualifications are moving to 'whole qualification grading'.



Digital First

Our [centre support page](#) provides links to relevant blog posts and case studies, external reports and articles exploring different concepts around digital learning, teaching and innovation.

Quality Assurance

This [short 10-minute SQA Academy module](#) provides an understanding of SQA's external quality assurance model for NextGen: HN qualifications

Articulation & Progression

Our [dedicated grading, articulation and progression webpage](#) gives a detailed overview and offers additional resource links.



SAMPLE RESOURCES



- [About NextGen: HN](#)
- [Learning for Sustainability](#)
- [Meta-skills](#)
- [Assessment support](#)
- [Grading](#)
- [Blog: Digital by default](#)
- [Quality assurance](#)
- [Articulation & progression](#)



FOR LEARNERS

- [Introduction to Meta-skills](#)
- [Assessment information for learners](#)
- [Meta-skills Development log](#)
- [Learning for Sustainability](#)
- [Academic Writing](#)
- [Referencing](#)

We have a wealth of further resources across all design principles of NextGen: HN on [our dedicated webpages](#).

Please also subscribe to [NextGen: HN News](#) and keep an eye out for [updates](#).



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