

# Your Exams

What you need to know about National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher exams

**School edition**



# Important things you need to know

The exam timetable starts on  
**25 April** and ends on Monday **2 June**.

Your school will provide an estimated  
grade for each of your courses before the  
exams start.

You will receive your results by post on  
Tuesday **5 August**. If you sign up to MySQA,  
you can get them by text, email or both.



# Assessment Arrangements

- Allow learners who are disabled or need additional support to use different ways to complete an exam
- May vary by subject, level and learner
- Include adapted question papers, changes to exam timings and where the exam is taken
- Speak to your teacher for more information about assessment arrangements



# Preparing for your exams



## Timetable

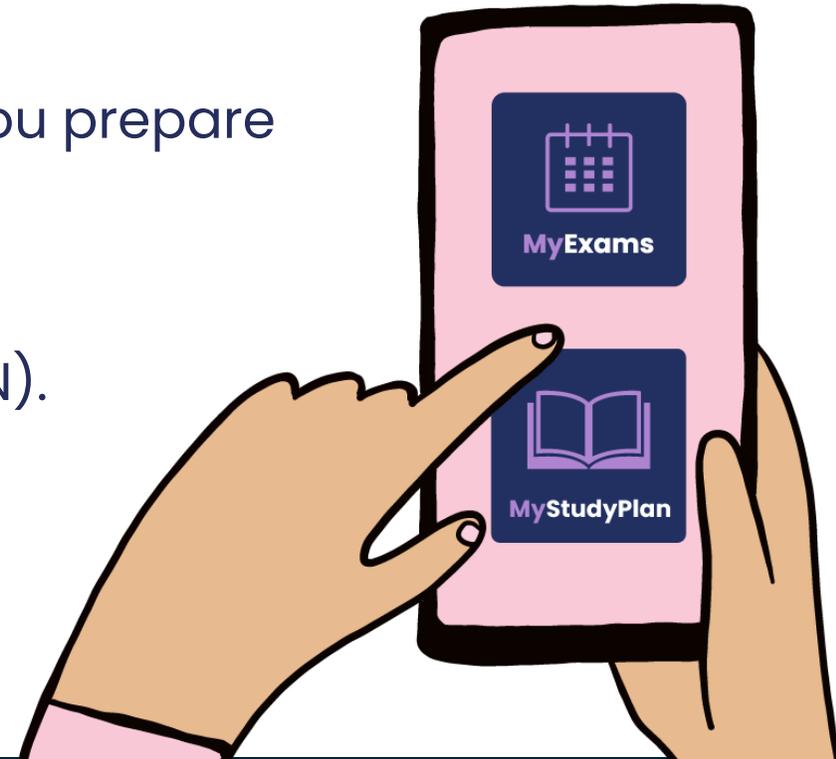
Make sure you have the latest version of the timetable – <https://www.sqa.org.uk/timetable>

## Apps

Download the **MyExams** and **MyStudyPlan** apps to help you prepare

## Scottish Candidate Number

Make sure you know your Scottish Candidate Number (SCN).  
Your teacher will tell you it and give you an SCN card to write your name, school name, date of birth and SCN.



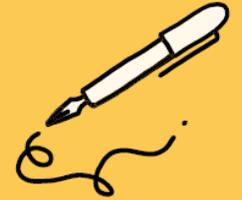
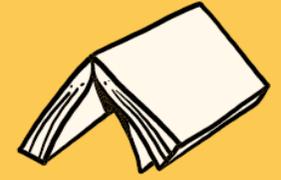
# On exam day

- Make sure you arrive at least 10 minutes before your exam starts
- You'll be given a desk or seat number for each exam – please remember this!
- Don't take any prohibited items to your desk or seat – these include mobile phones, electronic devices, extra information, pencil cases and calculator cases
- You can use a calculator or dictionary in some exams – please ask your teacher for more information.



# Question papers and answer booklets

- You will be given either a combined question paper and answer booklet, or a separate question paper and answer booklet
- If you need extra paper, ask the invigilator
- You must use a pen with black or blue ink to write your answers
- You may not get marks if your writing is difficult to read or has poor spelling or punctuation



# Remember

- Take your time
- Read the questions carefully
- Answer the exact questions being asked
- Double check your answers if you finish early
- Stay calm and do your best



# Leaving the room

- If you finish early or have done as much as you can, you can ask the invigilator for permission to leave.
- You must give the invigilator all of your exam papers, including any answer booklets, extra sheets, question papers and data booklets.
- If you think you need to leave the exam room for any other reason, speak to the invigilator



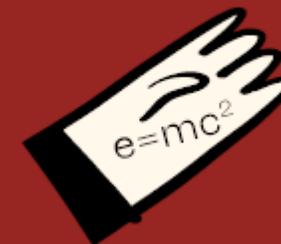
# Fairness

- Cheating or causing a disturbance during an exam are unfair to other candidates.
- Any cheating or unfair behaviour can affect your results





Electronic devices such as tablets, earbuds, smartwatches or any other device that stores information or can connect to the internet



Extra information — books, notes, sketches or paper, and anything written on your clothes or body



Mobile phones even if switched off

# Prohibited items



Calculators, except for exams where calculators are allowed



Pencil cases or calculator cases



Dictionaries, except for exams where dictionaries are allowed



Extra information — unauthorised information written on your SCN card

# Do...

- ✔ arrive in good time – at least 10 minutes before the exam starts.
- ✔ bring the right equipment, including black or blue ink pens.
- ✔ check that you don't have any prohibited items with you at your seat.
- ✔ check you have been given the correct exam paper.
- ✔ put your name, SCN and the name of your school on every piece of work you hand in (including separate answer booklets and answer sheets).

# Do...

- ✔ write legibly so that the markers can read your answers.
- ✔ read all instructions and listen carefully for any announcements from the invigilator.
- ✔ cross out any rough work that is not part of your answer.
- ✔ stay in the room until the exam is finished. You can only leave early with permission from the invigilator.
- ✔ give the invigilator all your exam papers, including any answer booklets, extra sheets, question papers and data booklets, before you leave the exam room.

# Don't...

- ❌ take any prohibited items to your seat.
- ❌ use any rude, abusive, offensive or discriminatory language or images in your answers.
- ❌ get someone else to sit your exam for you or pretend to be someone else.
- ❌ behave in a disruptive way or cause a disturbance.

# Don't...

- ❌ copy from anyone else.
- ❌ share your work with anyone else.
- ❌ share equipment with anyone else.
- ❌ use correction pens, tape or fluid.

# If something unexpected happens on exam day

- speak to your school as soon as possible
- you may be able to use the Examination Exceptional Circumstances Consideration Service (EECCS)
- More information on EECCS is available **at** [www.sqa.org.uk/exceptionalcircumstances](http://www.sqa.org.uk/exceptionalcircumstances)



# Appeals

- There will be a free appeals service – you can appeal directly or ask your school or college to do it for you.
- More information about your results and appeals will be available in **June 2025**.



# Help and support



- Scan the QR code to download the full booklet
- Stay up to date with information about your exams, the exam timetable and past papers at <https://www.sqa.org.uk/learners>
- For more support, including who you can speak to if you're feeling anxious, visit <https://www.sqa.org.uk/learnersupport>

