



Communication in Administration (National 4)

SCQF: level 4 (6 SCQF credit points)

Unit code: H1YY 74

Unit outline

The general aim of this Unit is to enable learners to use IT for gathering and sharing information with others in familiar administration-related contexts. Learners will develop an understanding of the appropriate methods for gathering information and of how to communicate information, making use of appropriate electronic methods.

Learners who complete this Unit will be able to:

- 1 Use digital technologies to gather information
- 2 Use digital technologies to prepare and communicate information

This Unit is a mandatory Unit of the National 4 Administration and IT Course and is also available as a free-standing Unit. The Unit Specification should be read in conjunction with the *Unit Support Notes*, which provide advice and guidance on delivery, assessment approaches and development of skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work. Exemplification of the standards in this Unit is given in *Unit Assessment Support*.

The *Added Value Unit Specification* for the National 4 Administration and IT Course gives further mandatory information on Course coverage for learners taking this Unit as part of the National 4 Administration and IT Course.

Recommended entry

Entry to this Unit is at the discretion of the centre. However, learners would normally be expected to have attained the skills, knowledge and understanding required by one or more of the following or equivalent qualifications and/or experience:

- ◆ National 3 Administration and IT Course or relevant component Units
- ◆ National 3 Business Course or relevant component Units

In terms of prior learning and experience, relevant experiences and outcomes may also provide an appropriate basis for doing this Unit.

Equality and inclusion

This Unit Specification has been designed to ensure that there are no unnecessary barriers to learning or assessment. The individual needs of learners should be taken into account when planning learning experiences, selecting assessment methods or considering alternative evidence. For further information, please refer to the *Unit Support Notes*.

Standards

Outcomes and assessment standards

Outcome 1

The learner will:

1 Use digital technologies to gather information by:

- 1.1 Searching for and extracting specific information from the internet
- 1.2 Using files from an internal network (intranet)

Outcome 2

The learner will:

2 Use digital technologies to prepare and communicate information by:

- 2.1 Editing a presentation
- 2.2 Using an electronic method

Evidence Requirements for the Unit

Assessors should use their professional judgement, subject knowledge and experience, and understanding of their learners, to determine the most appropriate ways to generate evidence and the conditions and contexts in which they are used.

The evidence for this Unit will be generated through practical IT activities and may be generated either separately or through a range of activities assessed holistically. If the latter approach is used, it must be clear how the evidence covers each Outcome.

In Outcome 2, learners should demonstrate that they have considered the audience, context and purpose when communicating information.

Exemplification of assessment is provided in *Unit Assessment Support*. Advice and guidance on possible approaches to assessment is provided in the *Unit Support Notes*.

Assessment standard thresholds

If a candidate successfully meets the requirements of the specified number of Assessment Standards they will be judged to have passed the Unit overall and no further re-assessment will be required.

The specific requirements for this Unit is as follows:

- ◆ 3 out of 4 Assessment Standards must be achieved.

It should be noted that there will still be the requirement for candidates to be given the opportunity to meet all Assessment Standards. The above threshold has been put in place to reduce the volume of re-assessment where that is required.

Development of skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work

It is expected that learners will develop broad, generic skills through this Unit. The skills that learners will be expected to improve on and develop through the Unit are based on SQA's *Skills Framework: Skills for Learning, Skills for Life and Skills for Work* and drawn from the main skills areas listed below. These must be built into the Unit where there are appropriate opportunities.

2 Numeracy

2.3 Information handling

4 Employability, enterprise and citizenship

4.1 Employability

4.2 Information and communication technology (ICT)

5 Thinking skills

5.1 Remembering

5.2 Understanding

5.3 Applying

Amplification of these is given in SQA's *Skills Framework: Skills for Learning, Skills for Life and Skills for Work*. The level of these skills should be at the same SCQF level of the Unit and be consistent with the SCQF level descriptor. Further information on building in skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work is given in the *Unit Support Notes*.

Administrative information

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History of changes to National Unit Specification

Version	Description of change	Authorised by	Date
1.1	Assessment standard thresholds added.	Qualifications Manager	Sep 2018
2.0	'Unit outline' section updated. 'Outcomes and assessment standards' section: <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ clarified and rationalised what is required to meet the standards◆ streamlined assessment standards to remove duplication◆ removed reference to desktop publishing 'Assessment standard threshold' section amended to show change to thresholds. Some changes made to the format to improve accessibility.	Qualifications Manager	May 2024

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