

Assessment resources for NQ Music

Session 2021–22



SQA have published documents and revised assessment resources for session 2021–22.

This document provides links to, and indicates the location of each document, and where to find specific information about performance, question paper and portfolio. The ‘where do I find?’ column lists a variety of key information which you may find useful. This list is not exhaustive.

By clicking on the hyperlink and the page number (if indicated), you can find the listed information. The page number refers to the digital page number, not necessarily the number shown at the foot of each page.

This document will be updated once the information for centres for visiting assessment document has been published for session 2021-22. This document won't contain any new requirements but will contain all information that centres require to finalise arrangements for visiting assessment.

Note that some documents can be found in more than one location. You can access the SQA secure website through your SQA co-ordinator.

Level	Document	Location	Notes
N3, N4, N5, H, AH	<i>National Course modification summary: Music and Music: Portfolio</i> Published August 2021	SQA Music page > Course information 2021–22	
SCQF levels 3–7	<i>Subject guidance for internally assessed qualifications in 2021–2022</i> Published September 2021	SQA Home page > Qualifications > NCs and NPAs > Performing Arts > Music SCQF level 6 > Alternative assessment guidance 2021-22	Information about the reduced time requirements for the F3F4 units Performing Music on One Instrument or Voice is on pages 9-11. Please note that as this guidance covers a number of qualifications and qualification types, this document is available from various Music, Music Business and Sound Production web pages.

Performance

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N5, H, AH	NQ Performance Assessment – interactive presentation Revised September 2021	SQA Academy – NQ Music Performance Assessment	You have the opportunity to listen to candidate performances (including bagpipes and pipe band drumming) alongside the sheet music, mark the performances, and review the reasons why the definitive marks have been awarded.
N5, H, AH	Understanding Standards materials for Performance	N5-AH Music Performance - Candidates 1-13 (videos) N5-AH Music Performance Published April 2021 SQA Secure Home > Understanding Standards materials > NQ Course Assessments > Music	The performance examples referred to here on SQA Secure are the same as those included in the interactive presentation on SQA Academy – NQ Performance Assessment (see row above). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Each video consists of a candidate's audio file and sheet music. ◆ The support pack includes a completed candidate assessment record, mark, and marker's comments for each piece.
N5, H, AH	Understanding Standards materials for Bagpipes	N5-AH Music Performance – Bagpipes Candidates 1-6 (videos) N5-AH Music Performance – Bagpipes Published August 2021 SQA Secure Home > Understanding Standards materials > NQ Course Assessments > Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Each video consists of a candidate's audio file and sheet music. ◆ The support pack includes a completed candidate assessment record, mark, and marker's comments for each piece.

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N5, H, AH	Understanding Standards materials for Pipe Band Drumming	N5-AH Music Performance – Pipe Band Drumming Candidates 1-5 (videos) N5-AH Music Performance – Pipe Band Drumming Published March 2021 SQA Secure Home > Understanding Standards materials > NQ Course Assessments > Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Each video consists of a candidate's audio file and sheet music. ◆ The support pack includes a completed candidate assessment record, mark, and marker's comments for each piece.
N5, H, AH, AH Portfolio	Modified programme timings for session 2021-22 Information about the requirement for a minimum of two pieces on each of the two selected instruments, or instrument and voice (one instrument or voice for Advanced Higher portfolio candidates)	National Course modification summary: Music and Music: Portfolio Published August 2021 SQA Music page > Course information 2021–22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ page 2 ◆ page 2 ◆ page 3 ◆ page 3 ◆ page 4
N5, H, AH	Requirements for certain instruments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ bagpipes ◆ drum kit ◆ guitar and ukulele ◆ keyboard 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ page 4 ◆ page 5 ◆ page 5 ◆ page 5

Question paper

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N5, H, AH	Music concepts	Advanced Higher Music Course Specification Advanced Higher Music subject page — 'Course specification' section	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ N5: pages 11 –13 ◆ H: pages 10 –13 ◆ AH: pages 9 –13
N5, H, AH	Music literacy concepts		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ N5: pages 15 –16 ◆ H: pages 15 –16 ◆ AH: pages 14 –16
N5, H, AH	Past papers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ question paper ◆ list of audio excerpts ◆ marking instructions 	Past papers and marking instructions SQA Home page > Past papers	Select: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ qualification type
N5	Specimen question paper: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ question paper ◆ list of audio excerpts ◆ marking instructions 	N5 Specimen question paper Published June 2017 National 5 Music page — 'Past Papers and Marking Instructions' section	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ pages 1–13 ◆ pages 14–16 ◆ pages 17–21
N5	Understanding Standards – 2014 question paper: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ list of audio excerpts ◆ marking instructions ◆ marked examples of candidate work ◆ marker's commentary 	Introduction to Question Paper scripts SQA Understanding Standards > Music > National 5 > Question paper	
N5	The session 2020–21 question paper: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ question paper ◆ marking instructions ◆ audio file ◆ 25% extra time audio file 	National 5 Question Paper and Marking Instructions SQA Secure > NQ > Assessment resources > Music	

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H	Specimen question paper: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ question paper ◆ list of audio excerpts ◆ marking instructions 	H Specimen question paper Published June 2018 SQA Secure > NQ > Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ pages 1–15 ◆ pages 16–17 ◆ pages 18–22
H	Understanding Standards – 2015 question paper: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ list of audio excerpts ◆ marking instructions ◆ marked examples of candidate work ◆ marker’s commentary 	Higher Music – question paper SQA Understanding Standards > Music > Higher > Question paper	
H	The session 2020–21 question paper: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ question paper ◆ marking instructions ◆ audio file ◆ 25% extra time audio file 	Higher Question Paper and Marking Instructions SQA Secure > NQ > Assessment resources > Music	
AH	Specimen question paper: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ question paper ◆ list of audio excerpts ◆ marking instructions 	AH Specimen question paper Published August 2019 Advanced Higher Music page — ‘Past Papers and Marking Instructions’ section	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ pages 1–17 ◆ pages 18–19 ◆ pages 21–28
AH	Understanding Standards – 2016 question paper: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ list of audio excerpts ◆ marking instructions ◆ marked examples of candidate work ◆ marker’s commentary 	Advanced Higher Music – question paper SQA Understanding Standards > Music > Advanced Higher > Question paper	

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AH	The session 2020–21 question paper: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ question paper ◆ marking instructions ◆ audio file ◆ 25% extra time audio file 	Advanced Higher Question Paper and Marking Instructions SQA Secure > NQ > Assessment resources > Music	

Advanced Higher Portfolio

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AH Portfolio	Modified duration of the portfolio	National Course modification summary: Music and Music: Portfolio Published August 2021 SQA Music page > Course information 2021–22	◆ page 3
AH Portfolio	Understanding Standards – AH Music Assignment	Understanding Standards Materials SQA Secure > Understanding Standards > NQ Course Assessments > Music	<p>The <i>Music Assignment Catalogue</i>, available on this page, details all available candidate evidence (from National 5 to Advanced Higher) and markers' commentaries. It can be used to find for example, compositions in a particular mark range, performance plans and those with specific instrumentation.</p> <p>The materials can be used as a benchmark when assessing candidates' compositions and/or arrangements.</p>