

A large logo featuring a stylized 'X' with a purple checkmark above it, followed by the letters 'SQA' in a white serif font.

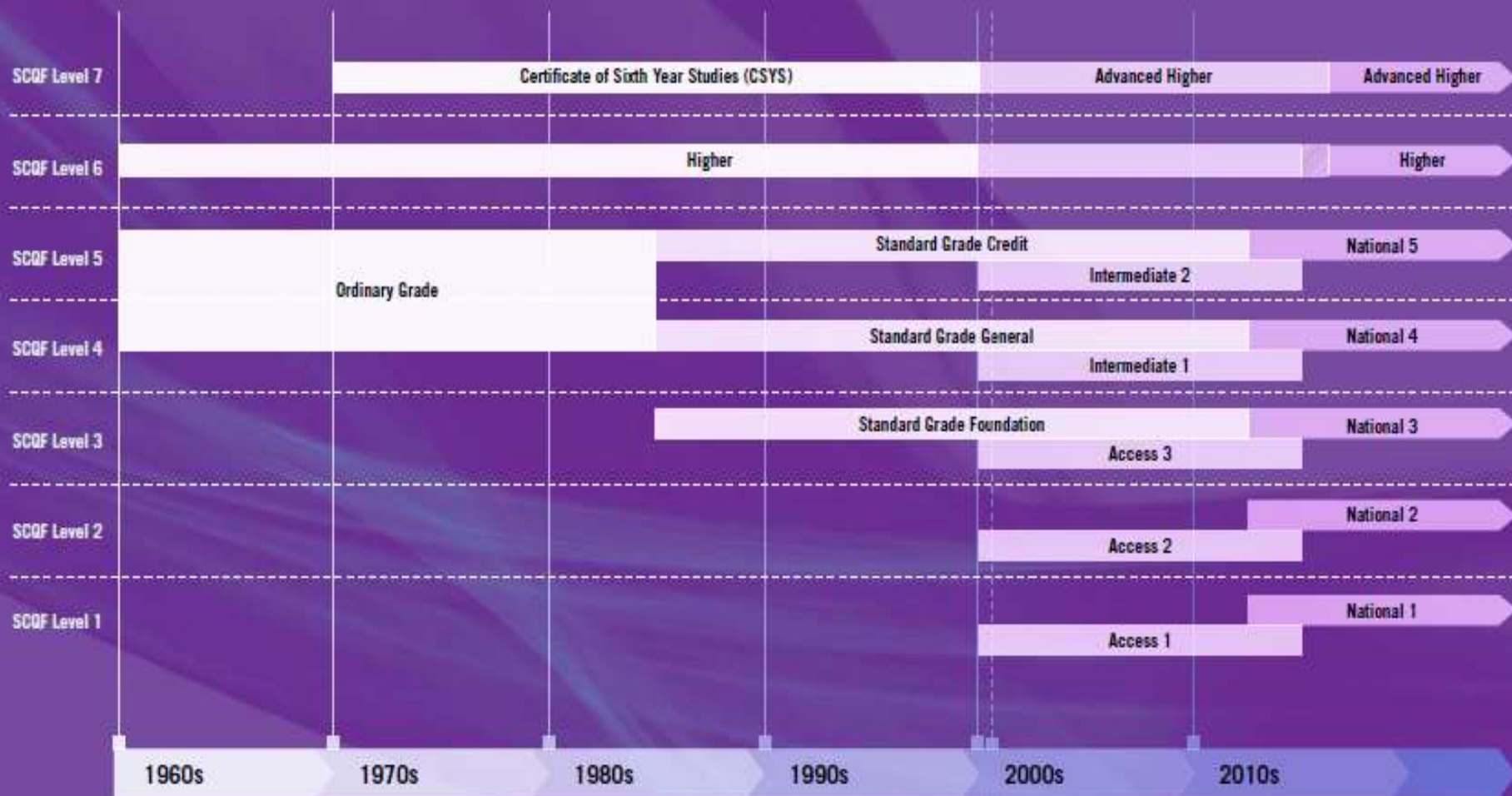
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A smaller version of the logo, with the 'X' and checkmark in purple and 'SQA' in blue.

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SCOTTISH NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS - SCQF LEVELS AND TIMELINES

This table shows how current and old qualifications relate to one another in terms of their SCQF level. The SCQF level of a qualification provides a way of comparing how demanding or difficult the learning involved in achieving a qualification is. This table can be used by anybody with a need to understand National Qualifications (normally awarded at school), for example employers when recruiting. More information on the SCQF can be found on our website (www.scof.org.uk). More information on current qualifications in the table can be found by visiting the SQA website (www.sqa.org.uk/ole).



Course assessment for N5, Higher and Advanced Higher is carried out using one or two of the following :

Assignment

Case Study

Practical Activity

Performance

Portfolio

Project

Question Paper/test

These assessments are externally marked by SQA or internally marked and quality assured by SQA.

Removal of mandatory unit assessments

'The removal of mandatory unit assessments has the distinct purpose of reducing the amount of assessment experienced by young people taking national qualifications and the workload created as a result of administering the units.'

- Scottish Government Policy Statement, March 2017

In September 2016, the CFE Management Board ratified ANQ decision to remove mandatory units and unit assessments from National 5 to Advanced Higher courses, and enhance the course assessment.

Removal of mandatory unit assessments

Session 2017-18:
National 5

Session 2018-19:
Higher

Session 2019-20:
Advanced Higher

Revisions to National 5

- ◆ No changes to the aims, rationale or content of the courses
- ◆ An opportunity to streamline the course documents
- ◆ Course assessments have been strengthened to ensure assessment of the full course by one or more of the following:
 - **extension of the existing question paper**
 - **extension of the existing item of coursework**
 - **new question paper**
 - **new item of coursework**

New question paper – 9 subjects

N5 Hospitality: Practical Cookery



New item of coursework- 4 subjects

N5 Music
Composing



Grade D from 2018

- Revised National Qualifications – Grade D will be broadened from the current position (notional 45-49%) to a notional 40-49%. This ten per cent range brings a Grade D award into line with the ranges for Grades B and C
- This will apply to National 5 in 2018, Higher in 2019 and Advanced Higher in 2020.

National 4

As detailed in the Scottish Government's policy statement:

- ◆ The Assessment and National Qualifications Group is considering National 4, with an initial focus on the form of an external assessment, and on the ability to differentiate candidate performance
- ◆ It is important that these discussions are taken forward in the context of the different pathways that might be taken by a candidate who achieves a National 4

www.sqa.org.uk

The screenshot shows the SQA website homepage. At the top, there is a browser address bar with the URL <http://www.sqa.org.uk/home/70922.html>. Below the browser bar is the SQA logo on the left and a navigation area on the right with the text "I am a...", "Choose Country: Scotland", and "Sign In". A search bar is also present.

The main navigation menu consists of six dark blue buttons: "Qualifications", "Services", "Past Papers", "About SQA", and "Support".

Below the navigation menu is a horizontal carousel of six service categories, each with a representative image and a dark blue text box:

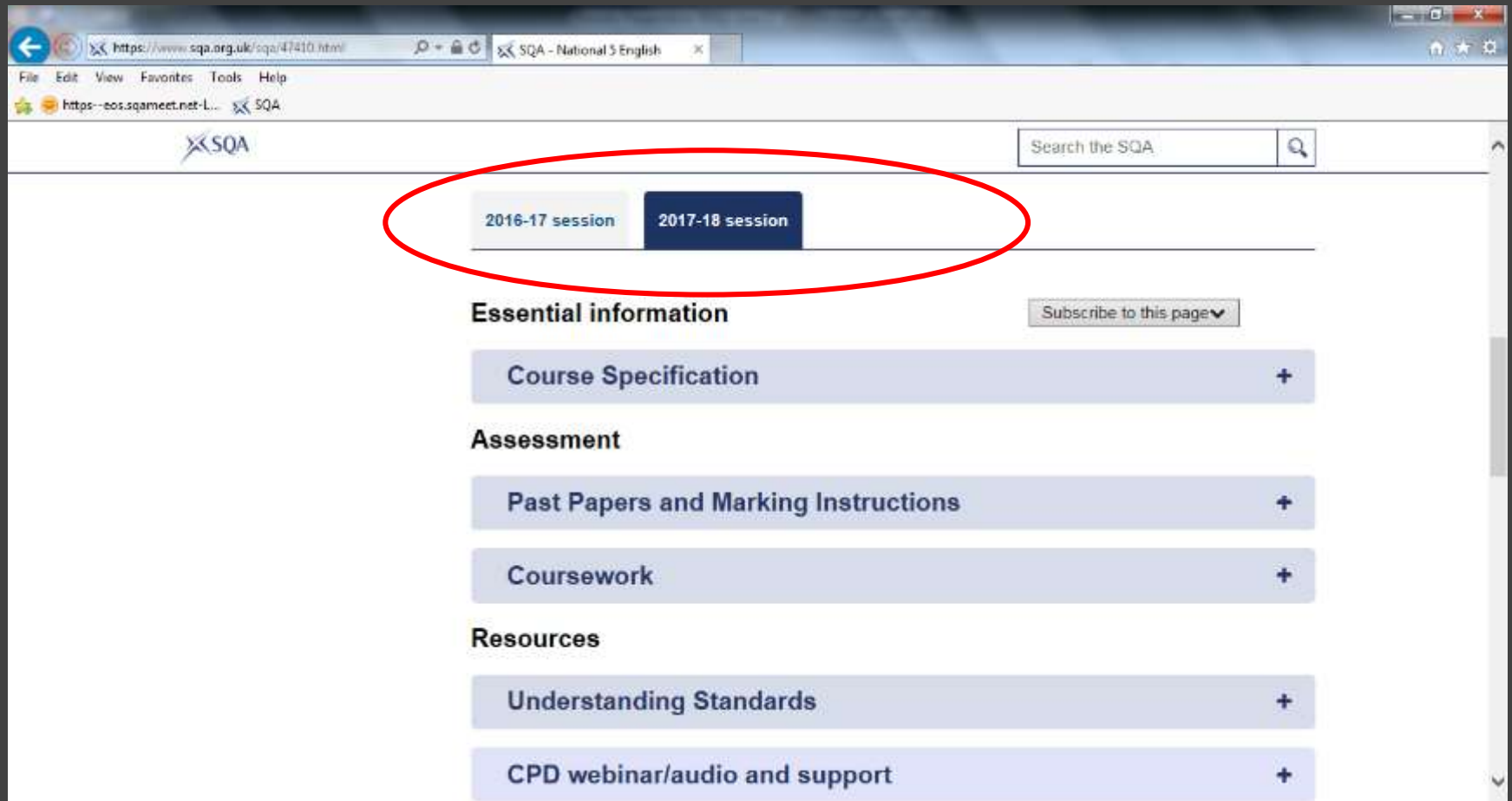
- Parents**: Information and support for parents and carers for our qualifications.
- Employers & training providers**: Equip staff with the right skills with our range of qualifications and services.
- Learners**: Past papers, exam timetables, study guides and support to help you.
- Teachers / lecturers**: Information and support materials to help you deliver our qualifications.
- Appointees**: Information and support for appointees and assessors.

At the bottom of the page, there is a banner with a woman working at a computer. On the left side of the banner, there are two dark blue buttons: "Become an appointee" and "Timetable 2018". On the right side, there is another "Become an appointee" button with the text "Join our 18,000 strong team".

The Windows taskbar is visible at the bottom of the screenshot, showing various application icons and the system tray with the date 27/09/2017 and time 12:47.



National 5 course documents



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47410.html>. The page title is "SQA - National 5 English". The browser's address bar shows the URL and the page title. The page content includes the SQA logo, a search bar labeled "Search the SQA", and two session tabs: "2016-17 session" and "2017-18 session". The "2017-18 session" tab is highlighted in dark blue and is circled in red. Below the tabs, there is a section titled "Essential information" with a "Subscribe to this page" button. Under "Essential information", there are three expandable sections: "Course Specification", "Assessment", and "Resources". Each section has a plus sign on the right. The "Assessment" section includes "Past Papers and Marking Instructions" and "Coursework". The "Resources" section includes "Understanding Standards" and "CPD webinar/audio and support".

2016-17 session 2017-18 session

Essential information [Subscribe to this page](#)

Course Specification +

Assessment

Past Papers and Marking Instructions +

Coursework +

Resources

Understanding Standards +

CPD webinar/audio and support +

Understanding Standards

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the homepage of the Understanding Standards website. The browser's address bar shows the URL <http://www.understandingstandards.org.uk/>. The website features a navigation menu with links for Home, Using the site, Subjects, News, and Contact. A sidebar on the left contains a 'Subjects' dropdown menu. The main content area is titled 'Welcome to the Understanding Standards website' and includes a paragraph explaining the site's purpose, a paragraph about user opportunities, and a 'Contact the USW team' section. An image of a hand marking an exam paper is also visible.

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Subjects

Select a subject


Welcome to the Understanding Standards website

The purpose of the website is to provide teachers with an opportunity to understand the standards of assessment as they are applied by the SQA examination teams. It therefore assumes that users have subject knowledge and some familiarity with the examination papers and assessment arrangements.

Users have the opportunity to consider the principles which underpin the marking of their subjects and to apply an understanding of these by marking exemplar candidate responses and comparing the marks they give with those given by the marking team. A commentary from a senior marker is supplied with each example.

Contact the USW team

If you wish to contact the Understanding Standards website team about any aspect of the website, please use the [Contact Us](#) link.



My SQA

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.mysqa.org.uk/cs8/content/sec>. The browser's address bar and menu (File, Edit, View, Favorites, Tools, Help) are visible. The website header features the MySQA logo on the left and navigation links for Home, Terms and Conditions, Contact Us, and FAQ on the right. A large banner image of a blue sky with white clouds contains the word "Welcome" in white text. Below the banner is a small "Welcome to MySQA" button. A paragraph of text explains that MySQA is a direct link to SQA for viewing qualification information and exam results. The main content area is divided into three columns: "Step 1 - Sign Up", "Step 2 - Activate", and "Step 3 - Login".

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Welcome

Welcome to MySQA

MySQA is your direct link with SQA. It lets you view your qualification information, check the personal details we hold for you and if you're sitting exams you can get your results sent by email and text message.

Step 1 - Sign Up

You will need your SCN (Scottish Candidate Number) to do this.

It's available from your centre if you

Step 2 - Activate

You will need:

- The activation code we sent you
- Your SCN

Step 3 - Login

Username

Password

Study, Revision and Preparation

- Subject and assessment information
www.sqa.org.uk/browsecfesubjects
- **Parentzone** covers issues that affect parents during the different stages of their children's education.
<https://education.gov.scot/parentzone>
- BBC Bitesize: www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize
- Revision in a nutshell: www.npfs.org.uk