



# National Qualifications

- The purpose of the curriculum is to develop young people into confident individuals, effective contributors, responsible citizens and successful learners (known as the 4 capacities ).
- The curriculum is split into 2 distinct phases:
  - Broad General Education (BGE)
  - Senior Phase
- The BGE continues from Primary school and carries on into S3. Pupils have the opportunity to experience learning in 8 curricular areas throughout S1-S3.
- During senior phase (S4-6) young people build up a portfolio of qualifications and achievements, including Nationals.



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- New qualifications **Nationals, Highers** and **Advanced Highers**, are being introduced in Scotland between 2013 and 2016.
- They replace existing Access, Standard Grade, Intermediate, Higher and Advanced Higher qualifications.



# What's Changing?



SCQF Level	NEW Nationals	Replaces	Former Qualificatons
1 and 2	National 1 and National 2	>	Access 1 and Access 2
3	National 3	>	Access 3 Standard Grade (Foundation level)
4	National 4	>	Standard Grade (General level) Intermediate 1
5	National 5	>	Standard Grade (Credit level) Intermediate 2
6	Higher	>	Higher
7	Advanced Higher (new)	>	Advanced Higher



# Assessment



## National 1, 2, 3 and 4

- Unit assessments marked by school in line with national guidelines
- Subject to SQA verification
- National 4 also has an Added Value Unit
  - to achieve a Course, learners need to pass all Units plus an Added Value Unit assessment
  - The Added Value Unit assessment will be set and marked by school
  - In 2014-15 SQA will set the Added Value Unit assessment
- Graded Pass/Fail



# Assessment: Nat 5, Higher & Advanced Higher



- also include Units that are assessed and marked by school
- to achieve a Course at these levels, learners must pass all Units plus a Course assessment
- Course assessments externally marked by SQA
  - One or 2 assessment methods from a range of 7
    - Assignment; case study; practical activity; performance; portfolio; project; question paper/test
- Graded A-D or “No Award”



# Possible Learner Progression

- Nat 4 Pass → Nat 5
- Nat 5 A or B → Higher
- Higher A or B → Advanced Higher
- Nat 5 C → additional Nat 4 or 5 courses
- Higher C → additional Nat 4, Nat 5 or Higher courses
- Other qualifications and awards may also be offered.



# Achievement Examples

In addition to National Qualifications, young people may be offered a range of other opportunities. Examples of these are shown below:

- Awards (eg Enterprise & Employability, CSLA)
- Personal Development Awards
- Other providers
  - DoE
  - Saltire
  - Online Courses