

NATIONAL 4 ENGLISH ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

<p>What is the course content at N4? The National 4 English course assesses Listening, Reading, Writing and Talking. All units are pass/fail and all are internally assessed, although subject to external verification.</p> <p>There are two main units – <u>Analysis and Evaluation</u> – reading and listening assessments which assess understanding, analysis, and evaluation of texts. <u>Creation and Production</u> – writing and talking assessments which assess candidates’ communication skills.</p> <p>There is also an <u>Added Value Unit</u>, which requires candidates to select a topic for research, produce a piece of writing and then compare and contrast the sources used to gather information in terms of layout or language or any other feature.</p> <p><u>Literacy</u> is also a unit which can normally be awarded along with the others.</p>	<p>Are there important dates of which I should I be aware?</p> <p>Assessments are ongoing in class throughout the academic year and are internally assessed.</p> <p>Units typically need to be entered by the middle of May to be certificated in August.</p>
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How is the course assessed?		
COMPONENT	OUTCOMES	LENGTH
Analysis and Evaluation	READING – 1.1 Identifying the main idea and supporting details. 1.2 Applying knowledge of language to explain meaning and effect	No time limit and failed elements can be retaken
	LISTENING – 2.1 Identifying the main idea and supporting details. 2.2 Applying knowledge of language to explain meaning and effect	No time limit and failed elements can be retaken
Creation and Production	WRITING – 1.1 Selecting ideas and content, using a format and structure appropriate to purpose and audience. 1.2 Applying knowledge of language in terms of language choice and technical accuracy.	One piece of writing at least 300 words long
	TALKING – 2.1 Selecting ideas and content, using a format and structure appropriate to purpose and audience. 2.2 Applying knowledge of language in terms of language choice. 2.3 Communicating meaning at first hearing. 2.4 Using aspects of non-verbal communication.	One talk or oral presentation (around 3 minutes) and respond to questions
Added Value Unit	1 Apply language skills to investigate a chosen topic by: 1.1 Understanding and evaluating straightforward texts 1.2 Selecting relevant information from the texts 1.3 Presenting findings on the topic 1.4 Responding to oral questions relevant to the topic	Produce one piece of writing: informative/persuasive/discursive essay/report of 700-800 words long

<p>What resources do I need?</p> <p>Resources from lessons (One Note and Teams) Assessment Materials – will be issued by class teacher or supervisor Support Materials from school website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added Value Unit Guide National 4 RUAЕ packs 	<p>What else can I do to improve?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take on board any feedback from class teachers and ask for help if you are unsure about anything. Remember – you are not under time pressure in assessments, so if you need a break to refocus, take one. Make sure you make a note of any sources you use for the Added Value Unit as you may want to revisit these for your evaluation. Make use of resources to develop your reading and writing skills. Practise your presentations with family or supportive peer.
<p>Where do I find more information about the course? https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47403.html</p>	