

National 3 Biology assessment overview (June 2012)

Key points

SQA is currently developing Unit and Course assessment support and this document outlines what SQA will produce for the National 3 Biology Course.

- ♦ Unit assessment support — three exemplar support packages, which meet the requirements of the Unit Specifications. Each package will exemplify a different approach to assessment and gathering evidence. Evidence for the achievement of Outcome 1 in one Unit may be used as evidence of the achievement of Outcome 1 for other Units in this Course. Centres will be free to develop their own assessment packages.

Unit assessment support

This section should be read in conjunction with the [National 3 Biology Unit Specifications](#).

The resources can be used in a number of ways, appropriate to the needs of the learner. These packages will show how to generate evidence and make assessment judgements. Each package will provide complete coverage of the requirements of the Units of the Course.

Package 1: Unit-by-Unit assessment (31 October 2012)

Unit-by-Unit assessment support will be provided in the form of an experiment/practical investigation and a report for Outcome 1, and an investigation report and bank of questions for Outcome 2.

Package 2: Unit-by-Unit assessment — alternative forms of evidence (28 Feb 2013)

Unit-by-Unit assessment support will be provided in the form of an investigation covering Outcome 1 and some of Outcome 2. Other assessment approaches will indicate how the remaining Assessment Standards for Outcome 2 can be overtaken.

Package 3: portfolio approach (30 April 2013)

A portfolio assessment support will be provided, showing how centres could use naturally occurring evidence to build up an Outcome-based portfolio of learners' work that meets the requirement of the Outcomes of the Units in the Course.