

Supporting Your Learner

National 3 and 4

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Course Outline

In National 5 Geography pupils study three main areas;

- *Physical Environments* – Weather, Upland Limestone, Rivers and Valleys, Landuse and land use conflicts in upland limestone areas
- *Human Environments* – Urban, Rural and Population
- *Global Issues* – Development and Health, Impact of human activity on the natural environment (Equatorial rainforest and the tundra)

At National 3 and 4 levels there is no SQA examination. Pupils must complete unit assessments on each of the above units. Pupils will also complete a research assignment (the Added Value Unit) and report which will be judged on a pass or fail basis. All units must be completed before the end of the course if the SQA are to issue the qualification.

Added Value Unit

As part of the course outcomes, pupils sitting National 4 are required to complete an Added Value Unit. This unit consists of a research task and involves using the information gathered from the fieldwork day into Haddington. Pupils must choose a title and use their information to present (graphs and diagrams) and analyse it. Pupils then need to come to a conclusion about the issue.

Useful Websites

<http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/48591.html> - National 3 SQA curriculum outline and assessment information

<http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47441.html> - National 4 SQA curriculum outline and assessment information

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zfrqxb> - N4 Bitesize revision page

Useful Textbooks

Hodder and Gibson - Geography: Physical Environments

Hodder and Gibson - Geography: Human Environments

Revision Guides

Hodder and Gibson - National 5 Geography Model Papers with answers

National 5 Geography How to Pass (SQA Endorsed)

Leckie and Leckie also do a range of support revision guides but are not SQA endorsed

Revision Classes

Tuesday – Miss Stobie 1:30-2:00

Thursday – Miss Jeffrey 1:30-2:00



SQA Past Papers

Below is a link to the past papers and marking schemes for National 5 geography for National 4 pupils who are looking towards completing the National 5 qualification the following year.

<http://www.sqa.org.uk/pastpapers/findpastpaper.htm?subject=Geography&level=N5>

Understanding Standards

The link below to the SQA website will allow you to see where markers have awarded marks to exemplar papers and read the markers' comments on the candidate's response. It is especially helpful in identifying where marks are awarded for analysis and for knowledge.

<http://www.understandingstandards.org.uk/Subjects/Geography>

