

## Hyndland Secondary School – Technical Department

### Producing Provisional Grades – June 2021

#### Introduction

This guide informs on the production of provisional grades as part of the Alternative Certification Model (ACM) for session 2020-21.

It outlines the approach used by the department, the nature of the evidence gathered, how assessment decisions were quality assured, and how provisional grades were determined.

#### Evidence

Evidence to inform the provisional results was gathered in a number of ways.

- In class assignment using an SQA produced task
- Timetabled recovery assessment question paper produced in school and compiled from SQA past paper questions taken from +3 years
- Timetable assessment diet using an SQA provided question paper

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Assessment Instrument</b>	<b>Assessment conditions</b>
<b>Engineering Science</b>	National 5	110-mark assessment question paper	1 hour 50 minute supervised exam with AAA provision as required
		50-mark compiled SQA Assignment tasks	8 hour closed book supervised assessment
	Higher	110-mark assessment question paper	2 hour 30 min supervised exam with AAA provision as required
<b>Practical Woodworking</b>	National 5	60-mark assessment question paper (scaled to 30 marks)	1 hour supervised exam with AAA provision as required
		70-mark practical assignment	Supervised manufacture of a model and log book
<b>Design &amp; Manufacture</b>	National 5	80-mark assessment paper	1 hour 45 minute supervised exam with AAA provision as required
		45-mark school practical assignment	Supervised workshop task with candidates provided with school produced drawings.
		55-mark SQA design assignment	7-page folio compiled over in school and at home by the candidates
	Higher	80-mark assessment question paper	2 hour 15 minute supervised exam with AAA provision as required
		77-mark SQA design assignment	10-page folio compiled over in school and at home by candidates

### Quality Assurance

All assessment instruments were sampled and internally cross marked before finalising. The assessment judgements were moderated by three local authority schools, and in the case of Higher Design & Manufacture, also externally moderated and confirmed by SQA.

### Grade Boundaries

The learners best score in either the recovery or SQA assessment question paper was totalled with the mark in the other assessment instrument(s). The provisional grade was then established using the grade boundary cut-offs recommended in the SQA document '**National Courses: guidance on gathering evidence and producing estimates**' published in October 2020. The grade boundaries applied in all technical subjects are shown below:

Band	Estimated performance	Notional % range
1	Grade A (upper)	85 – 100
2	Grade A (lower)	70 – 84
3	Grade B (upper)	65 – 69
4	Grade B (lower)	60 – 64
5	Grade C (upper)	55 – 59
6	Grade C (lower)	50 – 54
7	Grade D	40 – 49
8	No Award	30 – 39
9	No Award	0 – 29