Nat 4 French/German/Spanish

# Course Rationale

Learning a new language enables candidates to make connections with different people and their cultures and to play a fuller part as global citizens. The ability to use language effectively lies at the centre of thinking and learning. Candidates reflect, communicate and develop ideas through language. The study of a modern language has a unique contribution to make to the development of cultural awareness, providing candidates with opportunities to enhance their understanding and enjoyment of other cultures and of their own.

# Course Content

This Course is made up of three mandatory Units.:

**Understanding Language:** The purpose of this Unit is to provide learners with the opportunity to develop reading and listening skills in the modern language and to develop their knowledge of **straightforward** language in the contexts of society, learning, employability, and culture.

**Using Language:** The purpose of this Unit is to provide learners with the opportunity to develop talking and writing skills in the modern language, and to develop their knowledge of **straightforward** language in the contexts of society, learning, employability, and culture.

# Added Value Unit: The purpose of this Added Value Unit is to provide learners with the opportunity to apply their language skills to investigate a chosen topic in a familiar context in the modern language. (\* This element is not currently required)

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The course provides candidates with the opportunity to develop reading and listening, talking and writing skills in the modern language, and to develop their knowledge and understanding of **straightforward** language in 4 overall contexts:

* society
* learning
* employability
* culture

# Skills

The Course offers learners opportunities to develop and extend a wide range of skills. In particular, the Course aims to enable learners to develop the ability to:

* read, listen, talk and write in a modern language
* understand and use a modern language
* apply knowledge of a modern language
* plan, research and apply language skills

The Course contributes towards the development of literacy skills by providing learners with opportunities to read, listen, talk and write in a modern language, and to reflect on how this relates to English.

# Course Assessment

On-going assessment throughout the School session in the Units above.

**Progression**

Successful candidates at National 4 level can progress to National 5 level. National 5 over 2 years option is available.

# Career Pathways

# Knowledge of a modern foreign language is useful in a range of different careers, including law, finance, business administration, sales and marketing, public services, transport, tourism and hospitality and international aid. Speaking a foreign language is also useful if you want to work abroad.