## NATIONALS IN A NUTSHELL

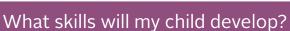
The National Parent Forum of Scotland Summary of Business National 4



BUSINESS IN ACTION INFLUENCES ON BUSINESS

## ADDED VALUE UNIT: BUSINESS ASSIGNMENT





- enterprise and employability skills
- knowledge and understanding of the ways in which business operates
- knowledge and understanding of the role of business
- knowledge and understanding of financial and economic situations
- straightforward business planning techniques to ensure success
- straightforward knowledge and understanding of entrepreneurial attributes for business start-up
- understanding of the straightforward actions taken by business to meet customers' needs and to remain competitive
- knowledge and understanding of key business facts and characteristics
- awareness of straightforward internal and external influences on business activity
- interpreting and drawing elementary conclusions from straightforward business information
- independence, communication and ICT skills



- Active and independent learning through self and peer evaluations, group feedback, reflecting on learning, making independent decisions
- A blend of classroom approaches including practical and ICT-based learning; whole class learning; group work and peer learning; visits; focusing on real-life business contexts
- Collaborative learning: working in pairs, small groups or larger groups on small business enterprise projects
- Space for personalisation and choice: learners can choose roles in enterprise group work and also their Assignment topic in discussion with teachers/lecturers
- Applying learning
- Embedding literacy and numeracy skills: communicating; financial awareness; researching, presenting and analysing information; using technology.

## **ASSESSMENT**

- To gain National 4, learners must pass all Units
- Units are assessed as pass or fail by the school/centre (following SQA external quality assurance to meet national standards)
- Unit assessment (or 'evidence of learning') could be presented in a variety of ways such as written reports, presentations, e-portfolio, diaries, blogs, checklist, business plan. A portfolio of work may be prepared
- The Added Value Unit (Assignment) will require learners to produce a business proposal.

This National 4 can progress onto National 5s in Business Management Accounting or Economics

## For more detailed course information:

SQA: Business National 4: www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/45692.html Education Scotland: www.educationscotland.gov.uk/nationalqualifications/index.asp Curriculum for Excellence Key Terms and Features Factfile: www.educationscotland.gov.uk/lmages/CfEFactfileOverview\_tcm4-665983.pdf



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