

## 2020 Result and Appeals for National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher courses

### Results day is Tuesday 4 August 2020

SQA results will be sent on Tuesday 4 August, by post and via [MySQA](#), the email and text service.

In response to the cancellation of the 2020 exam diet, SQA has developed an alternative certification model for 2020 to ensure the hard work of Scotland's learners is fully recognised through our qualifications system. The alternative certification model allows SQA award grades to all learners entered for National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher courses as fairly and reliably as possible, across subjects and levels.

The alternative certification model is based on teachers' estimates, which have been moderated by schools and SQA. The process may lead to a candidate or group of candidates being certificated with a grade that's different from their estimated grade. To be as fair as possible to candidates, SQA are providing a post-certification review (appeals) service to allow schools to request a review of the grade awarded for a candidate or a group of candidates. A post-certification review request involves a review of a candidate's evidence of work produced by each pupil throughout last session.

We will first check that you are eligible to use the service and discuss the process with you. We will check that the result you received is lower than the estimated grade that we sent to SQA in May. We must also make sure that there is appropriate evidence available to support your appeal.

The appeal and all the associated assessment evidence will be reviewed by SQA's senior subject specialist examiners. They will either accept or reject the appeal based on the evidence provided.

If our appeal request is **accepted**, your result will be upgraded. If you require the result for a conditional college or university place, SQA will contact us at school and advise the higher education institute and UCAS, as appropriate. An updated Scottish Qualifications Certificate will be sent to you after all appeals for 2020 have been completed.

If our appeal request is **rejected**, SQA will confirm either the original grade on your certificate or a lower grade. This information will be sent to us at school so that we can talk to you about it.

It is possible that a lower grade could be awarded following an appeal however, SQA expect cases of this to be very rare. Including this option supports fairness and equity to all learners, while maintaining the integrity and credibility of the qualifications.

You can find more information about 2020 Qualifications on SQA's dedicated [learner](#) and [parent and carer](#) webpages.

A successful post-certification review request will result in a change of grade only — a change in band is not a feature of the review. Post-certification review is available for National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher Courses in 2020 only.

Schools will be able to request one of two post-certification review types:

- a priority review – for candidates with a conditional university or college offer. Deadline for submission of Priority Reviews is 14 August 2020.
- a review – Deadline for submission 21 August 2020. I will contact you directly in August if your son/daughter is highlighted as being potentially eligible for a post-certification review.

If your son / daughter would like to request a review [appeal], we ask that they complete the Google Form – *SQA Post Certificate Review – Initial Request* : [Click Here](#) to start the process as of Tuesday 4 August 2020. After this has been completed initial contact will be made as school resumes by Mr Millar, SQA Co-ordinator.

Furthermore, if your son / daughter would like to change any courses in light of SQA results, can they also complete the Google Form – *Request for Change of Subject*: [Click Here](#)

Regards

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