

# Your Qualifications 2022



Given the significant disruption caused by the Covid-19 pandemic over the last two years, we wanted to highlight the arrangements that are in place to support you during your exams.

This leaflet provides information on the SQA arrangements that are in place if you are unable to sit an exam (Exceptional Circumstances Consideration Service) and details about the process that is available if you want to appeal any of your results. In both cases, your school will make use of the estimate that they have for each course; these will have been shared with you through your school's normal reporting cycle or learner conversations.

We have also included some links and resources that are designed to help during and after the exams.

We know that it has been a worrying and uncertain time and that these will be the first SQA exams you have undertaken. However, I want to acknowledge the dedication and resilience you have shown throughout this year - this has been outstanding.

With every best wish for success.

Mark Ratter

Director of Education

## HELP & SUPPORT

Your school, the education department and our key partners are here to help and support you.

Please speak with your pastoral teacher if you have any concerns or worries. Mental & emotional wellbeing support can also be found on the Healthier Minds website. This includes an online contact form in the 'How to get Support' section. <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/healthierminds>

East Renfrewshire careers advisor team can be contacted on 0141 488 1519

The national careers advisors are also available on 0800 917 8000 (Monday to Friday 9am-5pm)

If you need any support during the summer, please call the Education Department on

0141 577 3652

## ONLINE RESOURCES

**SQA Learner page:** <https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/84154.html>

**MySQA:** [www.mysqa.org.uk](http://www.mysqa.org.uk) {register by Wednesday 20th July for access to your results by text or email}

**SQA Ushare:** <https://bit.ly/3hQLIWq>

**West OS:** <https://www.westpartnership.co.uk/west-os/>

**e-sgoil:** <https://www.e-sgoil.com/>

**Scholar:** <https://scholar.hw.ac.uk/>

**BBC Bitesize:** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/secondary>



## Estimates

An estimate is a judgement of a final grade and band for a graded National Course across all assessment components. It is based on a holistic review of a learner's performance as indicated by assessment evidence that is generated at the school. It is important that each estimate is a realistic, evidence-based prediction of a learner's final attainment in the course assessment.

Different subjects have different assessment requirements, which could be a factor when determining estimates, depending on the nature of the evidence and the way it is generated.

Schools must submit estimates to SQA each year in line with the published key dates for the session. Estimates are required to access the Examination Exceptional Circumstances Consideration and 2022 Appeals.

Your evidence for estimates this year has undergone a number of checks such as:

1. Ensuring assessment instruments and marking meet national standards provided by SQA
2. Internally validating assessments and moderating candidate evidence samples within your school

Final results issued in August will be based on examinations and coursework.



## Examination Exceptional Circumstances Consideration

An examination exceptional circumstance is a circumstance that is unplanned and means a candidate is unable to attend or prevented from completing an exam, or their performance is fundamentally affected during the exam by a disruption, or other examination circumstance.

Examples of personal circumstances include bereavement, medical condition, domestic circumstances and covid—related absence.

This is not available for candidates who have completed the timetabled examination. Candidates who have underperformed relative to their estimate will be eligible for 2022 Appeals.

**Please speak to your SQA Co-ordinator without delay if there are circumstances that may effect your attendance at an examination.** The school must send your demonstrated evidence to SQA for **consideration** within 10 days of the examination.

Further information about this is available on the SQA website (link on the reverse of this leaflet)



## 2022 Appeals

Once your school has received your results on Tuesday 9 August, they will automatically consider whether you may be eligible for an appeal. Your school will share contact information in August to allow you to ask any questions you may have about your results. You can also review your results against your estimates and may submit an appeal request directly to SQA or ask your school to submit this on your behalf.

Once an eligible appeal is submitted, SQA will carry out a clerical check on the exam script(s) and coursework where applicable. SQA will also review the assessment evidence – gathered throughout the year to determine the estimate – that is submitted by the school to support your appeal and determine the final grade. The SQA will award the higher of the two **grades** based on either:

- The clerical check of the exam script and coursework; or
- The grade based on the **review** of the assessment evidence submitted by the school.

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