

SQA Results

Information for young people, pupils, parents and carers

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The wait is over and your exam results have arrived. Hopefully this is a time to celebrate as you will have received the grades you were hoping for.

If this is not the case, there are a number of organisations that can offer support and this leaflet provides information on what your next steps may be.

School

If you did not get the grades you were hoping for you may be able to change your S5 or S6 course options. It may be that you can re-sit a course or choose an alternative subject to study.

- Get in touch with your school as soon as possible if you feel that you may need to change a course or level.

The SQA have introduced a Results Service for schools. There are two Results Services:

- The Exceptional Circumstances Consideration Service is for candidates who could not sit an exam or who did sit an exam but their performance suffered because of some kind of exceptional circumstance.
- There is also a service known as the Post-results service. This involves either a check of the marks you have been awarded or requesting that the SQA look again at your exam script to see if there has been an error in the way it has been marked. There needs to be a lot of evidence to support this.
- Schools can, if they believe there to be an error in marking, ask the SQA to look again at a pupil's exam script. You will be asked for your permission before this request is made. It is important to know that your grade can go down as well as up.

A marking review can only be requested by the school if:

- Your final grade is significantly lower than the marks and grades you received in all of the assessments you sat over the course of the year. This includes class assessments, coursework and your prelim.
- There is clear evidence that there is a reasonable possibility that an error has occurred with the marking or totalling of marks on your script.
- Your grade is very different to other candidates who have been working at the same level as you.

A marking review cannot be requested by the school if:

- Your final grade is the same as your estimate grade.
- Your final grade is only a couple of marks off what you would have hoped to have achieved.

Although you may feel disappointed not to have received the grades you were hoping for there are a number of alternative routes you can take to help you get to where you want to be.

UCAS (Universities and Colleges Admissions Service)

If you have applied to university then you will have gone through the UCAS system. If you haven't achieved the grades that you needed to automatically secure a place, you may still be able to gain a place through the 'Clearing' system. More information is available on the UCAS website, www.ucas.com/connect/blogs/clearing-what-you-need-know.

Skills Development Scotland

You can contact the Skills Development Scotland helpline on 0808 100 8000. This is available from 8am-8pm on the 7th and 8th of August and from 9am-5pm from the 10th-15th August.

Help and advice is available from careers advisors who have access to information on UCAS course vacancies at universities and colleges. They can also provide information on Modern or Foundation Apprenticeships, employment or volunteering. You can find more information at www.myworldofwork.co.uk/examresults.

Young Scot

There is a lot of useful information on the Young Scot website. This includes links to what you can do next and further advice on where to get help and support. You can search for exam results advice here, <http://young.scot/information/learning/where-to-get-help-and-support-with-exam-results/>.

SQA

You can contact the SQA Candidate Advice Line on 0345 279 1000. This is available from 7th-10th August. There is also additional information on the SQA website, www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/78153.html.



Parents and Carers

The arrival of SQA results marks the end of a demanding time in your child's life. While it is hoped that this has been a positive experience, in some cases, it can be a day when your child does not receive the results they hoped for or needed. If this is the case, it is important to reassure them that there are still many options open to them and it may mean that they take a different route to achieve what they are aiming for.

The information provided in the other sections of this leaflet is also relevant to parents and carers and can help you to support your child at this time.

If your child is continuing at school, they will continue to be fully supported in their learning journey and towards achieving their full potential.





If you need help or this information
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