



Hyndland Secondary School

Post-Certification Review 2020

Dear Parent and Young Person,

'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. To be as fair as possible to candidates, SQA are providing a post-certification review (appeals) service to allow centres to request a review of the grade awarded for a candidate.

For candidates whose results are not in line with their estimated grade, the SQA have put in place a Post-certification Review. Post-certification review is free of charge. It is carried out by SQA examiners at the request of a centre. It involves a review of candidate evidence, including any completed coursework components.

A candidate is eligible for review only when they have been awarded a lower grade than the grade estimated by their centre. 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

Priority reviews are for candidates with a conditional university or college offer.'

Extract from 'SQA Post-Certification review: Information for Centres' July 2020

A request for a Post-certification review must be submitted to the SQA by the Headteacher – the SQA will not accept requests from parents or young people.

Eligibility

Candidates are eligible for this service if:

- ◆ Assessment evidence is available that demonstrates performance at a higher grade than that awarded by SQA.
- ◆ The centre has discussed with each candidate its intention to submit a request for a review and informed them of the possible outcomes.
- ◆ The centre has the candidate's consent to submitting the request for review.
- ◆ The candidate is aware that, if this is required for progression, SQA will share the outcome of their post-certification review with UCAS and/or the institution to which they have applied to allow their application to progress.
- ◆ Where there is a requirement to provide higher/further education contact details, these are accurate and up to date.

The post-certification review process

Post-certification reviews will be undertaken by senior subject-specialist SQA examiners.

A review will involve two key stages:

- ❖ Review of alternative assessment evidence provided by the school e.g. class assessments; prelims; SQA past papers or specimen question papers; classwork; completed or partially completed course assessments and performance evidence.
- ❖ Review of any additional non-question paper evidence held by SQA. (e.g. assignments which were previously uplifted but not marked)

The examiner will make a judgement based on all of the evidence available to them, and award the candidate a grade.

There are three possible outcomes:

- ❖ Agree with the original centre estimate and upgrade the candidate result.
- ❖ Disagree with the original centre estimate and confirm the grade awarded by SQA.
- ❖ Disagree with both the original centre estimate and the original grade awarded by SQA and apply an alternative, lower grade.

When reviewing a submission, examiners will have access to the alternative assessment evidence submitted by the school, and any non-question paper component materials held by SQA for the candidate. Examiners will also have access to candidates' refined estimated bands and rank order. They will take a holistic approach to reviewing evidence.

It is important to note that any award will be placed in the grade's lower banding — A2, B4, C6, D7 or No Award 9.

If you wish to proceed with a review request, please contact your young person's Pastoral Care Teacher in the first instance.

You should call the school on 0141 582 0130 or email:

RCarstairs@hyndland-sec.glasgow.sch.uk for Torridon House

MPollock@hyndland-sec.glasgow.sch.uk for Lomond House

CMills@hyndland-sec.glasgow.sch.uk for Rannoch House

DRitchie@hyndland-sec.glasgow.sch.uk or TSquire@hyndland-sec.glasgow.sch.uk for Katrine House

Following discussion, please complete the Post Certification Review Request attached. Once completed, the request should be returned to the school office and a duplicate copy retained by yourself.

Kind regards,

Mrs Clare J Hayes

DHT & SQA Coordinator

Hyndland Secondary School



Post certification Review Request

COPY to be retained by Young Person

Before completing the following form, you should contact your Pastoral Care teacher to discuss your results.

Post-Certification Review Request – this form **must** be returned to the school office

- By Wednesday 12th August for Priority Post-Certification Reviews
- By Wednesday 19th August for Post-Certification Reviews

Name:			
Class:			
Scottish Candidate Number:			
Subject/s for consideration of review	1.		Level:
	2.		Level:
	3.		Level:
	4.		Level:
	5.		Level:
I have discussed this review with Pastoral Care Team.	Yes		
	No		
I am aware that the review process could result in a lower grade being awarded.	Yes		
	No		
Declaration	I have read the post-certification review procedures and give my consent for the school to submit a request on my behalf. Signature of Young Person: Date:		
Signature of Parent:			
Date received by school office:			
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