



## SQA 2020 National Courses – information for parents

### Updated 21 April 2020

SQA 2020 exams and coursework assessments are cancelled. However, your child will still receive their results by 4 August.

Following the latest public health advice, SQA is basing decisions on three principles:

- Fairness to all learners.
- Safe and secure certification of your child's qualifications.
- Making sure that the qualifications your child achieves this year are equal to any achieved in the past, or in the future.

### 4 steps to how we will provide your child's results by 4 August:

#### Step 1 - Estimates

- Your child's results will be based on estimate grades, which their teacher or lecturer will send to us by Friday 29 May. Schools and colleges have information on how to do this.
- An estimate grade is what teachers or lecturers would expect your child to achieve. They will use their professional knowledge and experience of how your child has performed through the year. An estimate grade is not just the result of one prelim or one project. It's an overall judgement based on all activity across the year.
- We will check and validate the information sent to us and adjust it, if necessary, to ensure consistency across all schools and colleges and with results from previous years.

#### Step 2 - Awarding

- We will use the estimated information, as well as previous results your child may have achieved, to produce their 2020 results.
- We will produce your child's results, using our national grades for each subject and level.

#### Step 3 - Results and Certification

- We will process your child's results and issue them by 4 August. If possible, please encourage your child to [sign-up to MySQA](#), so they receive their results by text and/or email.

#### Step 4 - Appeals

- If your child disagrees with their result, they should contact their school or college who will be able to use a free appeals service. This will enable the school or college to question your child's result. The school or college must have evidence to support their estimate.
- The evidence will be reviewed by senior examiners. We will provide schools and colleges with full details of this service shortly.

Further information is available for you and your child in the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) section of our website.