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Stirling Council: Key SQA Information for Families

Dear Parent/Carer,

Please see the information below which clarifies some key points about upcoming SQA examinations for parents and carers.

SQA Estimates

An estimate is a judgement of a final band for a National 5, Higher or Advanced Higher qualification submitted to SQA. All estimates are based on individual pupil assessment evidence which is gathered by the school throughout the duration of the course being studied. The type of assessment evidence generated will be the evidence considered most appropriate for each course studied, and may differ from one subject to another. Please contact the school directly if you wish to discuss estimates in more detail.

It is important to note that an estimate, when used as part of the Examination Exceptional Circumstances Consideration Services (EECCS) or SQA Appeals 2022 process is not a guarantee of a final grade.

Examination Exceptional Circumstances Consideration Service (EECCS)

The Examination Exceptional Circumstances Consideration Service (EECCS) supports learners who are either:

- unable to attend the exam or prevented from completing the exam due to a personal circumstance outwith their control (such as a medical issue) **or**
- affected during the exam by a disruption, or other exam circumstance, reported by the chief invigilator

It is available for all exams that appear in the SQA timetable. Only schools may submit requests. Learners who believe they are eligible for this service should contact their school.

Learners are eligible for EECCS consideration if:

- they have experienced a valid exam exceptional circumstance
- they have completed all the compulsory non-question paper components
- an estimate has been submitted for them
- alternative evidence is available



SQA Appeals 2022

SQA Results will be issued to candidates on **Tuesday 9 August 2022**.

After receiving their results, a learner may be able to appeal if they believe their result to be lower than their estimate.

If the final grade is lower than the estimate the school submitted to SQA before the exam, learners may be able to make an appeal directly to SQA, or through the school. Learners should discuss the discrepancy between the estimated grade and the final grade with the school in the first instance to determine whether the estimated grade and supporting evidence support an appeal request.

If the appeal request is accepted, SQA will carry out a clerical check of your exam script and assignments. SQA appointees will also review the assessment evidence that the school submits to SQA to decide the final grade. The final grade might be different to the estimate that the school has submitted to SQA. In this case, the learner will be awarded the higher of the two grades based on the two sources of evidence.

An appeal can be prioritised if the learner has a conditional place at university or college, or has an offer of training or employment that depends on the final grade. The learner should confirm with the school if they have a conditional offer as all priority appeals must be validated by the school.

Further information regarding SQA procedures can be found in the 'Frequently Asked Questions' section <https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/72074.html>.

Yours sincerely



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