



SQA AWARDS 2020



Teachers have worked **together** to decide the grades for each pupil taking their subject



SQA provided guidance on the steps they had to take



SQA said grades had to be evidenced based so a wide range of evidence has been used including:

- Exam papers
- Class tests
- Homework
- Classwork
- Performance in practical work
- Marks achieved across the course

HOW HAVE GRADES BEEN DECIDED?



WHAT ABOUT UNIT PASSES AND AWARDS LIKE SKILLS FOR WORK AND NATIONAL PROGRESSION AWARDS

The approach has been the same as for Estimates:

- All available and relevant evidence has been looked at





Even though they have been working remotely:

- They have worked together cross-marking and cross-checking pupil work
- They have discussed and agreed the criteria pupil work must cover to get each grade
- They have had lots of virtual meetings to check decisions
- Many of our teachers are SQA markers and they have shared their knowledge and expertise with colleagues across Aberdeenshire

**HOW DO
TEACHERS
KNOW GRADES
ARE RELIABLE?**



THE ESTIMATE GRADES

All the Estimates were sent to SQA by Friday 29th May

SQA will now check estimates and do statistical modelling to decide on final grades

SQA will not share the type of statistical modelling they have done with schools

SQA will decide on the final grades to be awarded



Results will be sent to you on 4th August. Sign up to MySQA to get your results via email!



SQA have announced a Post Certification Review process



Any Review Requests must be sent through schools. Schools will decide if there are grounds for a review



Reviews can only be requested if

The grade awarded by SQA is lower than the estimate grade submitted by the school

The school has robust evidence to support the estimate



There will be a Priority Review process for pupils whose grades do not meet standard required for University/College entrance

RESULTS



POST CERTIFICATION REVIEW PROCESS

Requests for review must be accompanied by evidence used to decide the estimate

All the evidence will be reviewed by senior SQA staff



POST CERTIFICATION REVIEW DECISIONS

Three Possible Outcomes

*Request accepted and the award **upgraded***

*Request rejected – grade stays the **same***

*Request rejected and award **downgraded** (if evidence does not reflect the required standard)*