

Please see below an extract from a Statement by the Chief Executive of the Scottish Qualifications Authority and Scotland's Chief Examining Officer

Tuesday 11 August 2020

As the Deputy First Minister has outlined in Parliament today, through a Ministerial direction SQA will change the previous approach to certification this year and instead award candidate results based solely on the estimates provided by schools and colleges. The results of those learners who were awarded a higher grade during the process will also be maintained.

Schools and colleges already have the estimate information that will form the basis of the amended results, but we will work to ensure that centres receive their confirmed results as soon as possible and no later than the end of next week. Any candidate who has a grade changed as a result of this, will receive a new certificate.

Confirmed results will also be shared with UCAS.

We are considering in more detail, with the Scottish Government, any appeals process which should support this direction and will announce further details very shortly.

Further Information:

Senior pupils returning to school this week will be issued with their Estimated Grades.

If you have contacted the school to request a Review these will no longer be processed pending further information from SQA on any appeals process.

If you have requested a Priority Review you will be contacted today to confirm your Estimated Grades.

School leavers who wish to confirm their Estimated Grades will receive these by the end of next week however if these are required eg for applications former pupils can contact the school office. As stated above confirmed results will be shared with UCAS. If revised grades affect your conditional offer for college or university you are advised to contact the establishment directly to discuss your options.

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