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To: SQA Co-ordinator
Schools and FE Colleges

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Dear Colleague

National Qualifications Update – Construction

The contents of this letter should be passed to members of staff responsible for NQ Construction.

General issues

- **Appointees**

Our work is an extremely important and highly valued part of the education system in Scotland and we would like to express our gratitude, and extend our thanks to all appointees who have helped us by undertaking duties this year.

We always welcome applications from those that have not been involved before. Many people undertake a role to further their own understanding of the examination process, and as part of their Continuous Professional Development. If you are interested in becoming involved in any capacity with Construction National Qualifications, and have 3 years' experience of teaching, please contact us using the details below. Please note that an Appointee Management area is now available on the SQA website. It is for all potential and current SQA appointees, such as Markers, Verifiers and Examiners, and provides information for those who want to find out more about SQA appointee work.

- **Diet 2009**

The following information is now available on the SQA Website:

Marking Instructions

All Marking instructions are now on the website and can be accessed at www.sqa.org.uk > NQ > Construction > Marking Instructions.

External Assessment Reports

The External Assessment reports are now on the SQA website (www.sqa.org.uk). These can be found at: www.sqa.org.uk > NQ > Construction (from drop down menu) > External Assessment Reports. These reports contain information relevant to the 2009 diet – please remember, the grades/cut-off scores can be used when estimating for the 2010 examinations.

Internal Assessment Reports

Verification plays an important part in our yearly procedures and is in place to ensure that teachers/lecturers are maintaining standards. This year's reports can now be viewed on the SQA website at www.sqa.org.uk > NQ > Construction (from drop down menu) > Internal Assessment Reports.

- **Verification dates for session 2009/10**

Please remember that you will only be notified if you are selected for verification. The relevant dates are:

Visiting Verification

Construction Craft Skills Jan 2010 onwards

- **Construction Skills for Work Support Network – Edinburgh's Telford College, 19th February 2010**

We will be holding a Construction Skills for Work support network for delivering Centres and those Centres wishing to gain Approval to deliver the course. This has proved a popular day in previous years and will look at best practice, approval issues and methods of delivery and assessment. It's an ideal opportunity to network with colleagues in both the school and further education sectors and to meet old and make new friends.

For information on how to apply to attend this event, please go to sqa.org.uk/events.

- **National Qualifications: Architectural Technology Higher and Building Construction Higher**

In conjunction with Scotland's Colleges we are currently developing an on-line learning resource for both of the above courses. Following on from the on-line activity there will be a face-to-face workshop. Both the on-line resource and the workshop are aimed at centres currently delivering and those interested in delivering the courses. The workshop is due to run at Scotland's Colleges in Stirling and the online resources available at www.sqaacademy.org.uk from 15th of February 2010. Further information will be sent out to centres in the New Year.

Should you require any further information regarding the content of this letter, or any other matter relating to Construction at NQ level, Roz or myself can be contacted using the details listed below:

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Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Graeme Findlay". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

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