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Dear colleague

National Qualifications Update — Home Economics and Hospitality

The content of this letter should be passed to members of staff responsible for the subjects of Home Economics and Hospitality.

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 Continuing Professional Development. If you are interested in becoming involved in any capacity with Home Economics or Hospitality National Qualifications, please visit the appointee management section of SQA's website: www.sqa.org.uk/am.

Awards in diet 2010

Congratulations go to the following in recognition of their success during diet 2010:

British Nutrition Foundation Awards

- ◆ Standard Grade Home Economics — pupil Amy Elliot and teacher Riz Ali from Craigmount High School in Edinburgh.
- ◆ Advanced Higher Health and Food Technology — pupil Clarissa De Krujiff and teachers Gail Turner and Alison MacKenzie from Dingwall Academy.

The pupils and teachers received their awards from HRH Princess Anne at the BNF's Annual Awards day held at the Royal College of Physicians in London on 23 November 2010.

Quality Meat Scotland

Hospitality Practical Cookery Intermediate 2

This year's award went to Claire Hamilton from Dunoon Grammar School. Claire received a cheque for her endeavours and the school were awarded meat vouchers to use at their local butcher's.

SQA Star Awards

Congratulations go to Fiona Weir, Senior Lecturer at Langside College and a member of the Home Economics and Hospitality Assessment Panel, who received the Partnership Star Award for her work with Sodexho catering company.

Recently retired Principal Assessor for Higher Home Economics, Audrey Gibson, who taught at Larbert High School, was highly commended in the Appointee of the Year category.

Course details

We would like to remind centres of their duty to inform prospective candidates of SQA's mandatory requirements for each Course. These requirements should be fully explained to prospective candidates before they undertake a Course to ensure that they fully understand what is required of them.

In order to maintain national standards, assessment for each Course is standardised. The exact requirements of each Course can be found in the Arrangement documents, which are located on the Home Economics/ Hospitality pages of SQA's website.

If you have a specific enquiry regarding a candidate/Course that you are finding difficult to resolve, please contact SQA's Assessments Arrangements team (aarequests@sqa.org.uk) in the first instance.

Curriculum for Excellence

The Rationale and Course Summary documents for the new Home Economics and Hospitality Courses at National 4 and National 5 will be published on SQA's Curriculum for Excellence website at the end of January. These documents outline the purpose, aims and structure for the Courses. The Courses that are being developed are:

- ◆ Home Economics — Health and Food Technology National 4 and 5 and Practical Skills: Fashion and Textile Technology National 4 and 5
- ◆ Hospitality — Practical Cookery National 4 and 5 and Practical Cake Baking and Finishing National 5

Please visit the Curriculum for Excellence website to view and comment on the documents: <http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/34714.html>.

Diet 2010

The following information is now available on SQA's website:

Marking instructions

All marking instructions are now on the website and can be accessed at www.sqa.org.uk > Qualifications > NQ > Browse NQ subjects > Home Economics/Hospitality > Past Papers and Marking Instructions.

External Assessment Reports

The External Assessment Reports have now been published. These can be found at: www.sqa.org.uk > Qualifications > NQ > Browse NQ subjects > Home Economics/Hospitality > External Assessment Reports. These reports contain information relevant to the 2010 diet.

Internal Assessment Reports

Verification plays an important part in our annual procedures and is in place to ensure that teachers/lecturers are maintaining standards. This year's reports can now be viewed on SQA's website at www.sqa.org.uk > Qualifications > NQ > Browse NQ subjects > Home Economics/Hospitality > Internal Assessment Reports.

Events

We held a very successful Higher Home Economics Understanding Standards Event recently and we would like to thank the Principal Assessor, Janice McIver, and the Senior Examiner, Gail Reid, for their valuable contributions.

The event was well attended and the feedback received from delegates was that the content was relevant and the opportunity to ask questions welcomed. We have seen in the past that these events have helped teachers raise attainment and we hope that this trend continues.

There are more events taking place this year, the information and dates can be found in the appendices.

National Assessment Bank materials

The following Hospitality NABs have been amended since our last update letter was published:

Food Preparation Techniques: An Introduction	D263 09 NAB 001
Food Hygiene for the Hospitality Industry	F792 10 NAB 001
Cookery Processes: An Introduction	D264 10 NAB 001
Organisation of Practical Skills	D9NL 10 NAB 001
Food Preparation Techniques: An Introduction	D263 10 NAB 001
Food Preparation for Healthy Eating	D262 11 NAB 001
Foods of the World	D286 11 NAB 001
Local Hospitality Provision	F7DL 11 NAB 001 Replaces D283 11 NAB 001

As these NABs were revised mid-session, some centres may have already assessed Units using the previous versions of the NABs, which is acceptable. Please ensure that your centre is using the most up-to-date version of the NABs for the 2011/12 session.

Verification dates for session 2010/11

The verification process will start in January. Please remember that you will only be notified if your centre is selected for verification. The relevant dates are:

Visiting verification

- ◆ SG Home Economics 24 January to 4 March 2011
- ◆ Int 1 Home Economics 7 March to 1 April 2011
- ◆ Int 2 Hospitality: General Operations 21 March to 13 May 2011
- ◆ Int 1 and 2 Hospitality: Practical Cookery 21 March to 13 May 2011
- ◆ Int 2 and H Hospitality: Professional Cookery 21 March to 13 May 2011
- ◆ Hospitality Skills for Work ongoing

Central verification

- ◆ NQ Home Economics April 2011
- ◆ NQ Hospitality April 2011

Further subject-specific information is contained in the following appendices:

- ◆ Appendix 1 — Home Economics
- ◆ Appendix 2 — Hospitality

Should you require any further information regarding the content of this letter or any other matter relating to Home Economics or Hospitality subjects, Romana, Clare or I can be contacted using the details listed below:

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Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Graeme Findlay". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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Appendix 1 — Home Economics

Standard Grade

Centres should be using the amended Standard Grade Arrangements document valid from session 2010/2011. Appendix III, 'Sources of Information for Teachers' has been updated to ensure that it is current and relevant. The links for 'current dietary advice' have been refreshed, the obsolete consumer advice bodies have been removed and energy regulations have been added.

Intermediate 2/Higher

Due to recent changes in legislation, we are currently revising the consumer information in the Intermediate 2 and Higher Home Economics Arrangements documents. The revised Arrangements will affect candidates presented for the 2012 diet, further information will be sent to centres in due course.

Upcoming event — spring 2011

Textiles

We will be running an event focusing on textiles in spring 2011, further information will be sent to centres in due course.

Appendix 2 — Hospitality

Practical Cookery Intermediate 1 and 2

The practical assignments will be posted on the web by 1 February 2011.

Upcoming events — spring 2011

We will be holding the following events early in 2011:

Hospitality Skills for Work Support Network

This is an excellent opportunity for new and existing centres to meet and share best practice. This year's event will be held at Adam Smith College on 25 March 2011.

Practical skills training

There will be two events, one in Glasgow Metropolitan College on 18 March 2011 and the other in Perth College on 23 March 2011. As in the past, the events will focus on developing cookery skills and are aimed at probationer/new teachers who have limited practical experience and those wishing to update their skills.

Full details of how to apply to attend these events will be sent to centres in due course.