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To: SQA Co-ordinator
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Dear Colleague

National Qualifications update — Construction

The contents of this update, which provides information and advice to centres in relation to National Qualifications in Construction Courses at all levels, should be passed to members of staff responsible for the subject.

Assessment Panel

The next time the Panel meet is on 14 November 2008. If you have any questions for the Panel, please get in touch with us by the end of October 2008.

Implementation of policy on low uptake National Courses

Please note the following Courses will be removed from the catalogue as of the end of June 2008:

- ◆ *Fabrication and Welding (Intermediate 2)*
- ◆ *Structural Engineering (Higher)*

If the withdrawal of either of these Courses will cause your centre any difficulties, please contact Linda Murray, Project Manager, at linda.murray@sqa.org.uk, as soon as possible, outlining your concerns.

Note: The Units making up the above Courses will be retained in the NQ Catalogue.

National Qualifications for the Future

For more information relating to our work on National Qualifications for the Future and our work in relation to the Curriculum for Excellence programme, please contact Lena Gray, SQA's Business Manager for A Curriculum for Excellence, by e-mail at: lana.gray@sqa.org.uk.

Skills for Work — Construction Crafts

The second round of Support Networks was held at Aberdeen and Motherwell Colleges. Thanks to those involved in providing excellent facilities and assisting with the delivery on the day. The feedback we received was excellent, the opportunity for delegates to talk with deliverers who shared their experiences being a highlight. It is hoped that we will be able to provide a Quality Network during session 2008/09. Details will follow in due course.

Research has been carried out to inform the roll out of the Courses. This is available on the Scottish Government's website and can be accessed using the following link:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2008/02/29105118/0>

Thanks to Andrew Henderson (Development Manager) for his excellent contribution towards the success of the Courses over the past year. He leaves with our very best wishes.

If you have any questions relating to this letter or any of the NQ Construction areas, please contact either Roz Walker (e-mail: rosslynn.walker@sqa.org.uk, tel: 0845 213 5489) or myself using the contact details above.

Yours faithfully



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