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To: SQA Co-ordinator
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Dear Colleague

The contents of this letter should be passed to the teacher responsible for Gaelic (Learners) and/or Gàidhlig subjects in your centre.

1. The recordings to accompany National Assessment Bank material were completed recently and will be issued to centres once the editing process is completed.
2. Specimen question paper Listening CDs are being sent to all centres which had candidates registered for any NQ Gaelic (Learners) or Gàidhlig Courses. If your centre had no candidates registered in 2005/06, but is presenting in 2006/07, you should request copies of the CDs from our Customer Contact Centre, e-mail: **customer@sqa.org.uk**, or by telephone: **0845 279 1000**.
3. Some amendments (mostly the correction of typographical errors) have been made to some of the National Assessment Bank items and these revisions have been posted on secure area of SQA's website (amended pages are indicated). Please check regularly for updates as there are more in the pipeline. Please e-mail Marilyn Waters (**marilyn.waters@sqa.org.uk**) with any specific comments or suggestions.
4. Many thanks to all those who were involved in writing and vetting the considerable amount of National Assessment Bank material which had to be revised and replaced as a result of the review.
5. SQA is keen to expand examining team membership for Gaelic subjects. Please contact SQA if you are interested in marking/setting/vetting/panel work. The area will require more teachers as the workload expands.
6. Subject summary grids for Gaelic (Learners) and Gàidhlig Courses have been produced which illustrate (on one A4 page) the contents of each Course at each level. A copy of each is attached as an appendix to this letter and is in the process of being posted on SQA's website (**www.sqa.org.uk**).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan R Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A' and a distinct 'R'.

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