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To: Principal Teachers and Teachers of Physical Education  
Directors of Education, SCIS  
Scottish Executive Key Stakeholders  
Teaching Associations, SQA Co-ordinators (all centres)  
SQA Customer Account Managers.

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Dear Colleague

### **National Qualifications — Physical Education Update**

The contents of this letter should be passed to the member of teachers/lecturers responsible for Physical Education.

The newsletter updates staff on issues from last session 2003/04 and highlights important information for the current session 2004/05 for National Qualifications in Physical Education.

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## 1. NAB materials

Exemplification of the Analysis and Development of Performance assignment is published. Please contact your SQA Co-ordinator to access this material.

The material consists of four examples of Intermediate 2 and Higher work that shows minimum competency and two examples that show well above minimum competency. This material is **not** to be issued to candidates. The purpose of the exemplification is to offer guidance about standards to teachers/lecturers.

The exemplification of the Analysis and Development of Performance assignment at Higher level has recently been replaced with the correct NAB format, but this does not affect the answers in any way and use of the previous NAB format is acceptable.

### Further information

When changes are made to NAB packs, or alternative material is developed, it is advisable to submit the revised materials to SQA for prior moderation.

## 2. Appendix 4 of the Course Arrangements Document

Following the feedback from the questionnaire issued to Local Authorities with the last Subject update letter (18 October 2004), the final Appendix 4 will be on the Physical Education webpage in March 2005. This is the final clarification of the content which should be considered when developing knowledge of any Area of Analysis and its relevant Concepts.

It is important to remember that examination questions will focus on the Concepts in Appendix 3. Candidates can acquire knowledge related to these Concepts by considering the features in Appendix 4. This will allow candidates to fully answer questions in the examination.

Teachers/lecturers can continue with content which they have used and developed in previous years, thereby enhancing the understanding of each Concept.

## 3. Moderation

In order to support centres with the quality assurance demands of the Course, it is recommended that centres enter the Analysis and Development of Performance Unit with a completion date of **March**. Traditionally many centres choose the Performance Unit for this completion date, but given this Unit is subject to Visiting Moderation, the Analysis and Development of Performance Unit may be more appropriate for the March completion date.

Centres will be centrally moderated in April 2005. It is intended that this moderation process will be supportive to centres and that appropriate feedback will be made available to teachers/lecturers using the new NAB assignment.

The SQA Moderation Team is also planning to run training courses to assist teaching staff with the assessment of the new Analysis and Development of Performance Unit.

#### **4. Advanced Higher and Access 3**

Development work on Advanced Higher and Access 3 Physical Education is continuing and the new Arrangements have recently been through the Operational Validation process.

The basic Course structure at Advanced Higher level will comprise three 40 hour Units and the Access 3 Cluster will comprise four Performance Units and the Analysis and Development of Performance Unit. Further details will be available on the website in Spring 2005.

#### **5. Standard Grade**

Please refer you to the document *Estimates, Absentees and External Assessment Appeals: guidance on evidence requirements* (April 2004), which can be accessed via your SQA Co-ordinator. Section 6 of this document gives guidance on the production of prelim papers and the use of commercially produced papers.

We would like to advise teaching teachers/lecturers to select a range of KU questions from at least **three** past papers which will allow more flexibility in the setting of prelim examinations. This is far more beneficial to teaching staff since a paper can be set which is not in the public domain and will provide reliable and appropriate evidence at the Appeals stage.

#### **6. SQA website and other information**

You are reminded that the Principal Assessor and Senior Moderator Reports for Physical Education have been posted on the NQ Physical Education webpage ([www.sqa.org.uk](http://www.sqa.org.uk)).

Yours faithfully



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