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Dear Colleague

**National Qualifications
Gaelic (Learners) and Gàidhlig**

The contents of this circular should be passed to the member of staff responsible for Gaelic subjects.

1 National Qualifications Review

Subject and Operational Validation procedures are underway over the course of the next month, in order to ensure that the revised qualifications meet national criteria. All those who are — and continue to be — involved are thanked for their invaluable contribution to the progress of the review.

Arrangements specifications for Gaelic (Learners) and Gàidhlig will be made available to centres in early summer (on SQA's website at: www.sqa.org.uk) in order that candidates taking Intermediate Courses over a two-year period will be able to do so using the new Arrangements.

National Assessment Bank materials will be made available as soon as possible after this date.

Credit transfer arrangements between new and existing Units will also be available in order that no candidate is disadvantaged.

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2 ***Gaelic Orthographic Conventions***

It is now hoped to issue the updated version of the above publication this Summer. The Scottish Executive and Bòrd na Gàidhlig are thanked for their support and stakeholders are thanked for their ongoing contribution.

All enquiries in relation to Gaelic subjects and issues should be addressed primarily to Marilyn Waters, Qualifications Officer, direct line: **0141-242 2195**. Enquiries concerning copies of NAB materials and other publications should be directed to the Customer Contact Centre on **0845 279 1000**.

Yours sincerely,

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