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To SQA Co-ordinators

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Dear Colleague

**National Qualifications 2005
Objective Tests**

As outlined in my letter of 22 November 2004, Objective Test answer sheets will be marked electronically for the first time this year.

The Courses affected by this change are as follows:

- ◆ **Biology:** Intermediate 1, Intermediate 2, Higher and Advanced Higher.
- ◆ **Biotechnology:** Intermediate 2 and Higher.
- ◆ **Human Biology:** Higher.
- ◆ **Chemistry:** Intermediate 1, Intermediate 2, Higher and Advanced Higher.
- ◆ **Physics:** Intermediate 2 and Higher.

As one of the measures to ensure that candidates are familiar with the layout and the completion of the revised answer sheets, exemplar or sample answer sheets, together with instructions on how to complete the answer sheets, are enclosed for issue to each candidate currently entered for every course with an Objective Test.

You will note that the exemplar forms contain no pre-printed personal details, only Course/level details. The 'live' forms for the 2005 examination will be issued at the end of April. These will be personalised, with details based on entry information available to SQA in early-mid April.

All answer sheets are printed on standard A4 size paper, as were the previous Objective Test answer sheets. However, should you anticipate that any of your candidates with learning and/or additional support needs will have difficulties completing the new answer sheets, could you please contact the Assessment Arrangements team directly on 0131-561 6862 or 0131-271 6748 to discuss other options.

Later this month, SQA will supply centres with posters illustrating the new answer sheet design, for display in classrooms. As detailed in November, further information will follow in the lead up to the examination diet, and all information relating to this development will be available in the 'NQ News' section of SQA's website (www.sqa.org.uk).

Yours sincerely



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