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National Qualifications - Dance Update June 2013

Please forward this update to the member of staff responsible for Dance.

This is an update on current National Qualifications (NQ) in Dance and contains information about a new qualification available now:
National Progression Award (NPA) in Dance (SCQF level 4)
http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/66294.html

Please pass this information to your Dance teaching staff and see full details on the following pages. If you have any questions or would like to discuss any of the contents of this update with us, please contact Daniel Beadle (contact details above) or myself on 0345 213 6811 or email mary.mcdonald@sqa.org.uk

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National Progression Award in Dance (SCQF level 4)

The National Progression Award (NPA) in Dance (SCQF level 4) will be available for delivery from August 2013. This award can be delivered by any SQA approved centre.

This new introductory qualification underpins and mirrors the NPA in Dance (SCQF level 5) and is part of an articulated progression pathway to the new National 5 Dance Course and Units (see the progression table on the following page). The NPA has 3 Unit credits which means that notional delivery time is 3 x 40 hours - 120 hours - which could fit well with school timetables and college programmes. In addition, the new NPA in Dance (SCQF level 4) has optional Units which will provide great scope for personalisation and choice. There is one mandatory Unit and two other Units will be selected from an optional section.

The table below shows the framework for the NPA in Dance (SCQF level 4).

Group Award Code: GG7M 44				
Mandatory Unit				
Code	**Unit Title**	**SCQF level**	**SCQF points**	**SQA credits**
H2W5 10	Dance: Choreography	4	6	1
Optional Units – choose two from six				
H2W2 10	Dance: Alternative	4	6	1
H2W1 10	Dance: Classical	4	6	1
H2W0 10	Dance: Contemporary	4	6	1
H2W4 10	Dance: Ethnic	4	6	1
H2W6 10	Dance: Jazz	4	6	1
H2W3 10	Dance: Scottish	4	6	1

The mandatory Unit Dance: Choreography allows candidates to develop basic choreographic skills, creating and developing movement from six dance actions through the application of simple choreographic devices. Candidates will then reflect on the effectiveness of choreographic choices. Candidates will be introduced to choreographic devices and stimuli and will put these skills into practice through tutor-led tasks and workshops.

The optional Units focus on the development and application of appropriate dance skills both in a technique class and through the performance of tutor-led dance sequences. Students will also contextualise their learning by understanding and appreciating dance styles and practitioners.

SQA Dance Qualifications Progression Table

Level	Qualification	
4	NPA Dance	Starts August 2013
5	NPA Dance	
5	National 5 Dance	Starts August 2013
6	Higher Dance Practice	
6	New Higher Dance	Starts August 2014
7	HNC Dance • HNC Contemporary Dance Performance • HNC Dance Artists • HNC Professional Dance Performance (formally Professional Stage Dance)	
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