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Core Sessions

Internal Assessment - Quality Assurance

This session will update delegates on the operations of SQA's new Internal Assessment Quality Assurance arrangements to support and ensure the reliability and credibility of Scotland's National Qualifications. The session will cover an overview of external verification model for the new qualifications; operational logistics and timelines and an overview of the online system which will support the new arrangements.

Results Services

SQA's new Results Services will be introduced in 2014 for all new and existing National Qualifications and replace the current absentee consideration and assessment appeals arrangements.

The session will give delegates an overview of significant change being introduced including an overview of exceptional circumstances and the online system to support the post results element of the new arrangements.

SQA Connect

SQA Connect will become the main online communication channel for Centres offering SQA qualifications to receive and send information to SQA. New services on the Connect portal will support the introduction of Results Service and Quality Assurance. This session is a core session for all Local Authority schools who are not currently signed up to receive SQA Connect services.

Data Exchange Requirements

This session will update delegates on key operational dates and processes to support data collection and processing required to ensure that the 2014 delivery of National Qualifications is successful. The session will cover key dates, product codes and an overview of the mechanisms we will use to support you with data exchanges

Optional Sessions

E-Marking

The majority of Scotland's new National Qualifications will be marked and quality assured using cutting edge technology that SQA has been piloting for 3 years. This session will update you on the significant quality assurance benefits the new system will bring to our customers and candidates.

Managing Assessment across the Centre

Following feedback from partners and stakeholders, SQA has developed resources to help centre managers to plan the assessment of the new National Qualifications from National 2 to National 5.

In partnership with colleagues from ADES, SLS, SCIS and Scotland's Colleges, supporting documents for centre managers have been published on SQA's website to assist with the strategic and operational planning of assessment. This includes a set of key questions that will help managers to ensure that they have addressed all areas when planning assessment, and a set of tables which outline the Course structures and assessment methods for all Courses from National 2 to National 5.

This optional workshop gives Coordinators an opportunity to consider how best to use this information

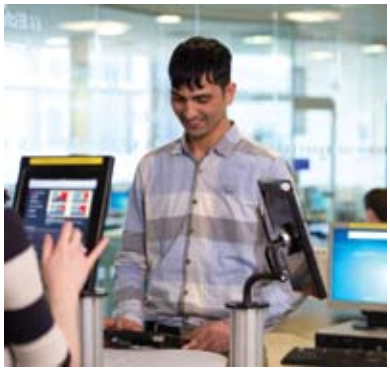
Qualifications Update

This session will give a brief overview of recent policy developments and assessment support materials and events being provided to assist the implementation of the new qualifications including Recognising Positive Achievement. Information on the fees SQA will charge for the new qualifications and services will be provided too.

Assessment Arrangements - Section 96 Consultation

The Equality Act 2010 places a duty on SQA as a General Qualifications Body (GQB) to make reasonable adjustments for disabled candidates. This is not a new duty. For many years, reasonable adjustments for disabled candidates have been considered under what SQA calls assessment arrangements for disabled candidates and/or those with additional support needs. Section 96(7) of the Equality Act 2010 gives SQA (as the appropriate regulator of general qualifications in Scotland) a power to specify and publish where reasonable adjustments to National Qualifications should not be made.

In January 2013, SQA published a number of specifications restricting the use of certain assessment arrangements in certain National Qualifications because they undermine the meaning and value of the particular qualifications concerned. This session provides an overview of these specifications.



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Workshop Session Programme

Core Sessions

Name of Worskhop	Time	Time	Time	Time	Time	Time
Internal Assessment - Quality Assurance	10.00	10.45	11.30	13.45	14.30	15.15
Results Services	10.00	10.45	11.30	13.45	14.30	15.15
SQA Connect	10.00	10.45	11.30	13.45	14.30	15.15
Data Exchange Requirements	10.00	10.45	11.30	13.45	14.30	15.15

Optional Sessions

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E-Marking	12.15	12.45	13.15
Managing Assessment across the Centre	12.15	12.45	13.15
Qualifications Update	12.15	12.45	13.15
Assessment Arrangements - Section 96 Consultation	12.15	12.45	13.15

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