

SQA Children's Rights Report 2020–23



If you are younger than 18 then you have rights under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. The [SQA Children's Rights Report 2020–23](#) describes what we have done in the last three years to meet the requirements of this UN Convention.

We build children's rights into everything we do. We aim to protect you from discrimination, do what is best for you when we make decisions, support your development, and listen to your views.

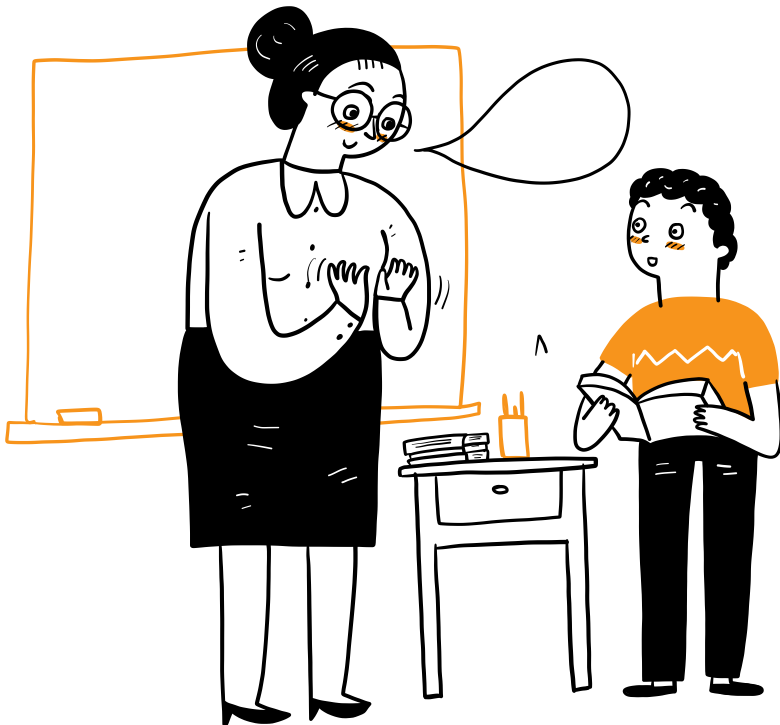
What we have done, 2020–23

- Our Exceptional Circumstances service helped you get your results if you were unable to attend an exam.
- You could appeal directly to SQA, for free, if you sat an exam but were concerned about your results.
- We set up a monthly Learner Panel and Learner Advisory Group with the Scottish Youth Parliament to hear your views on our qualifications.
- As a Corporate Parent, we were involved in the creation of a teacher resource to support Care Experienced learners.
- We promised to do everything we can to employ, develop and retain young talent, including offering Modern Apprenticeships, internships and work experience.



What we continue to do

- We design assessments to be as accessible and inclusive as possible. We will support you if you have a disability or have additional support needs.
- We work with others to ensure all assessments are free from bias and discrimination. We also ensure that race and LGBT+ matters are included in our courses, consider the place of Gaelic in qualifications, and embrace [Learning for Sustainability](#) in our work.
- Many of our staff volunteer with children's charities and advocacy groups to 'give something back' to their local communities.



What's next

As we hope you will agree, we have made progress in embedding children's rights, but there is still work to do. For example:

- We will work with children across Scotland to create a Learner Charter for the new qualifications body that explains how we will support learners. It will be our promise to you.
- We will consider the impacts of our decisions on children and young people. Our decisions will be made based on evidence.
- We will engage with children and young people through research and communications about our work.
- As part of the Scottish Government's education reform programme, we will work towards developing a Children's Rights Framework for the organisation that will replace SQA.



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