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To: SQA Co-ordinator
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Action by Recipient	
	Response required
✓	Note and pass on
	None — update/information only

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Dear Colleague

National Qualifications Update

The contents of this letter should be passed to the member of staff responsible for Modern Languages.

Modern Languages Update

We wish to bring the following matters to your attention.

1 Notice of Deletions, National Units : Clarification

The Modern Languages Update Letter of 16 August 2010 made reference to the deletion of National Units at SCQF levels 3 and 4, which were listed with codes in an appendix to that letter. Please note that these deletions refer solely to former Modules which were previously leveled against SCQF levels. It is important to note that the Units for deletion do not form any part of National Courses at these levels. National Courses and component Units at SCQF levels 3&4 (Access 3 & Intermediate 1) in Cantonese, French, German, Italian, Mandarin (Simplified and Traditional), Russian and Spanish remain unaffected by these deletions.

2 Estimates, Absentees and Assessment Appeals

Centres should note that SQA has updated subject specific advice in the above document which will be useful in the preparation of candidates for external examination. Subject specific guidance is available on-line in Part 2 of the document, which can be downloaded at :

http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/files_ccc/EAAA%20IMcN220410.pdf

3 External and Internal Assessment Reports 2010

Reports are currently being made available via a link on subject pages of SQA's website. The Reports reflect on candidate performance in external examination and on performance in Speaking assessment. Reports are published annually and contain a wealth of useful and practical information and advice in the preparation of candidates, and can provide a useful basis for departmental discussion of National Standards.

4 Guidance on the Folio of Writing, Advanced Higher

Documentation, originally published in Sept. 2002, has been updated and is now available on the Advanced Higher section of subject pages on SQA's website. The documentation has been updated to provide clearer guidance on content and production of the Folio, and also includes reference to commonly used texts and sources. The document can be downloaded at:

http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/files_ccc/Guidance_on_AH_Folio_of_Writing.doc

5 Marker Vacancies

SQA currently has vacancies for Markers in the following:

- French Higher
- French Advanced Higher
- German (all levels)
- Italian Intermediate 1
- Spanish Standard Grade Folio
- Spanish Intermediate 1
- Spanish Intermediate 2
- Spanish Higher
- Urdu (all levels)
- Advanced Higher Visiting Assessor of Speaking

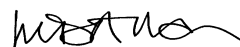
Details of eligibility and how to apply can be downloaded at:

<http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/41253.html>

Yours faithfully



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