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Dear Colleague

Photography Update

Please forward this letter to the members of staff responsible for Photography qualifications.

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1 Changes to current HNC/D Photography framework

Minor revisions have been made to the following Units, and the Units have been re-coded. The revised Units have been added to the HNC/HND frameworks so can contribute to the current HNC/HND awards.

Centres can still enter candidates for the "Old" Units which have now entered a lapsing period and will finish on 31 July 2014.

The revised Units are available via the HN Unit Search on SQA's website: www.sqa.org.uk and will be available for candidate registration from August 2012.

“Old” Unit	Code	New Unit	Code	Mandatory/ Optional
Photography: Portraiture	DW8C 34	Photography: Portraiture	H1LK 34	Mandatory
Photography: Location Stock	DW89 34	Photography: Stock	H1LL 34	Optional
Photography: Social Photography	DW8D 34	Photography: Social Photography	H1LM 34	Optional

The assessment exemplar for the Unit DW8C 34, Photography: Portraiture, has been updated to reflect revisions to the Unit.

2 HNC/HND Photography Review

Representatives from presenting FE Colleges attended a meeting in SQA earlier this year to discuss the current HN Frameworks and as a result a minor review of the HNC/HND Photography Awards is currently under way.

The revised awards will be launched in early 2013 and will be available to centres from August 2013. No major structural change is anticipated.

Current awards will enter a lapsing period in August 2013. Entries will continue to be accepted during this period: 3 years for HNC and 4 years for HND.

Further details will be communicated to centres, and uploaded to SQA’s website when available.

3 National Qualifications Group Awards

National Qualification Group Awards (NQGA) is the term which encompasses National Certificates (NCs) and National Progression Awards (NPAs).

National Certificate in Photography at SCQF level 6

National Certificates are designed to prepare people for employment, career development or progression to more advanced study at HNC/HND level. They also aim to develop a range of transferable knowledge including Core Skills. These certificates are aimed at 16-18 year olds or adults in full-time education and are at SCQF Levels 2-6. Each one has specific aims relating to a subject or occupational area.

The National Certificate (NC) in Photography at SCQF level 6 was validated in December 2011. This Group Award is designed to meet the needs of candidates who wish to develop a foundation of the photographic knowledge and skills required for progression to more advanced levels of study in photography. It is also suitable for those who wish to prepare themselves for initial entry to employment within the photo-imaging sector. Candidates will have opportunities to develop vocational and

