

Childcare and Development



Welcome to the first edition of the new-look subject update which replaces the letter centres you would have previously received. This complements the regular monthly and weekly SQA communications, with more information relevant to Childcare and Development.

Please share the contents with colleagues involved in the delivery of NQ Childcare and Development.

Contacting the team

Should you require further information, the customer services team will be happy to assist.

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Updates to documents

In the **special edition June 2014 update** on the new National Qualifications, SQA explained that it would be making updates to documents containing mandatory information on National 3 to National 5 Courses, along with the associated Unit assessment support packs. Further details regarding revisions to documents are shown below.

Early Education and Childcare Skills for Work National 4 — C221 74 and National 5 — C246 75

These qualifications were previously titled Intermediate 1 and Intermediate 2 and have undergone rebranding to National 4 and 5. The Course documentation, including National Assessment Bank material, remains unchanged.

New Higher — C712 76

The first briefs for the new Higher Childcare and Development Course assessment task have now been published. These are available on SQA's secure site.

Some documents containing mandatory information on the new Higher were reviewed and revised in April and May 2014, along with the Higher Unit assessment support packs.

A high-level summary of these updates can be found in the Notification of changes spreadsheet for Higher Health and Wellbeing, on **www.sqa.org.uk/cfesubjectchanges**.

Support and guidance

This will be the final year for presentation of the following qualifications:

- ◆ Early Education and Childcare Higher
- ◆ Play in Early Education and Childcare Higher

Both qualifications have been replaced by the new Higher Childcare and Development.

The Course assessment submission date is Friday 5 June 2015.

Guidance on performance in external Course assessments and evidence generated for internal assessment is published annually. This includes Course Reports, External Assessment Reports and Verification Key Messages, all of which are available on the relevant subject pages of SQA's website. Internal Assessment Reports will not be published for the new National Courses.

Looking ahead to 2014–15

SQA would like to express gratitude and extend thanks to all those who have undertaken duties in session 2013–14. The work that all the teams carry out is appreciated and SQA looks forward to continuing work with them during session 2014–15.

Recruitment opportunities

SQA is currently in the process of recruiting for a number of vacancies looking to be filled between now and February 2015. Vacancies include new and replacement appointments. For more information, please visit [CfE - Appointee Vacancies](#).

SQA Markers

SQA welcomes applications from teachers/lecturers to mark Childcare assignments at all levels. If teachers or lecturers are interested in becoming a Marker, information and application forms are available on the Appointee Management section of SQA's website.

To become a Marker, a minimum of two years of Childcare teaching experience is required. The experience of marking helps to increase the awareness of the demands of Course assessment and marking is proven to be excellent professional and personal development. For more information, please visit the [Marker Information](#) web page.

Understanding Standards

Throughout session 2014–15, SQA will be publishing a range of Understanding Standards materials for both Unit and Course assessment. These materials will include candidate evidence with commentaries and can be used by centres for training and bench-marking purposes. SQA will also run Understanding Standards events for Unit assessment, for Nominees to share knowledge of Unit assessment with their colleagues. In addition, SQA will run Understanding Standards events for Course assessment for National 5, which will be open to all subject specialists. For more information, please visit the [Understanding Standards](#) web page.

Further information will follow in SQA's weekly and monthly centre updates.
