

Children's

rights

**Making a difference for
young people**

Who we are and what we do

Qualifications Scotland helps you achieve qualifications that recognise your knowledge, skills and achievements. We work with schools, colleges, training providers, teachers, lecturers, employers, families, carers and learners across Scotland to make sure qualifications are fair and trusted, and that they support your next steps in learning, training or work.

We have just published our report into what we have done under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. This is a short summary of the main points.



Your rights matter

The law (the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024, to give its full name) protects children's rights in Scotland. This means we have to listen to your views, respect your rights, and think about what is best for you when making decisions that affect you.

Helping to shape the future

We use your experiences and ideas to help improve qualifications, assessments and the support available to learners across Scotland. By sharing your views with us, you can help shape decisions and make a difference for learners now and in the future.



How we are making a difference for learners



Making your voice heard

We have created more opportunities for you to share your views through committees, workshops, surveys, school visits and events. Our Learner Interest Committee (made up of learners like you, and people in college and life-long learners), our Practitioner Interest Committee (made up of teachers, lecturers and employers) and our Voices from the Classroom sessions help make sure that we hear and consider learners' and teachers' and lecturers' experiences when we're making decisions that affect you.



Anti-racism

We are working to create a more equal and inclusive education system. Through our anti-racist education work and partnership with Show Racism the Red Card Scotland, thousands of learners have shared their ideas about racism, respect and inclusion. This helps promote learning environments where everyone feels respected, valued and included.



Fairer qualifications

We are making qualifications fairer by removing barriers and improving support for all learners. This includes improving the support you get when you're sitting exams (called Assessment Arrangements), supporting disabled learners and learners with additional support needs, providing free replacement certificates for learners with Care Experience, and doing more to support care-experienced learners (part of our job as a Corporate Parent, which means we have a special duty to look after you).



Improving assessment

We continue to improve National Courses by listening to learners, teachers and lecturers. This includes reviewing assessments in practical subjects, such as Practical Cake Craft, Practical Metalworking and Practical Woodworking. This helps you show your skills and knowledge in ways that reflect your learning.



Support for you

We provide support to help you feel prepared and confident. The Get Exam Ready campaign gives you access to exam information, study resources, revision advice and wellbeing support. Our Paired Reading Programme helps younger learners build confidence and develop reading skills.



Artificial Intelligence (AI)

We listened to learners about how you use AI in education. Your views helped us create clearer guidance on using AI responsibly, while making sure qualifications remain fair and trusted.

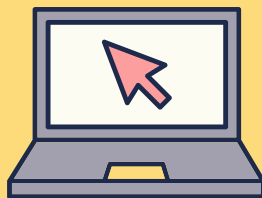
What we learned and what we'll do next

Information should be clear, easy to understand and available in ways that work for everyone. We will keep improving the information we provide so you know your rights, understand your choices and can find the support you need.

Different people need different kinds of support to help them learn and succeed. We will keep removing barriers and making learning and assessments fairer and more inclusive. We will promote equality, strengthen anti-racist practice, support care-experienced learners and make sure every learner has the chance to succeed.

Working together with learners, families, carers, schools, colleges, employers and communities creates better opportunities. We will continue building these partnerships to support your learning, wellbeing and future.

Technology can make learning easier to access when it is safe, fair and works for everyone. We will continue using digital tools to improve access while keeping your information safe and protecting your privacy.



Most importantly, we have learned that we should always respect your rights, views and wellbeing when we are making decisions that affect you. We will keep listening to children and young people, using your ideas and feedback to improve our work, explaining our decisions clearly, and giving you more opportunities to help shape learning and qualifications in the future.

We will also continue supporting the young people who work with Qualifications Scotland by giving them opportunities to develop their skills, share their ideas and help improve what we do.

Thank you to every young person who has shared their ideas and experiences so far. Your voice matters and helps us make better decisions about learning and qualifications.

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Want to find out more?

You can read the **full report** to learn more about what we did, what we learned, how this work supports your rights under the law, and what we will do next.

Get involved

Your ideas can help shape the future of learning and qualifications in Scotland. Find out how you can share your views and **get involved**.

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