

Equality Review Summary



Qualification	Gàidhlig
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Level	National 5
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REVIEW OF NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS EQUALITY REVIEW

Date of review	17/08/2017
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Coursework and/ or Question Paper revisions

A new externally assessed writing assignment will be introduced that will be worth 20 marks. This will involve the creation and submission of one piece of writing, which will be marked by SQA and will use assessment approaches similar to those developed in the former National 5 'Creation and Production' unit.

There will be no change to the assessment approach in the current question papers. The section of question paper 1 currently called Writing (which assesses both the skill of writing and critical reading) will be renamed "Literature". The current marking instructions which reflect the dual purpose of this section (writing and critical reading), will be rewritten to direct markers to focus on the critical reading aspect only, when making their assessment judgments.

The adjustment of the component weightings will enhance the reliability of the course assessment.

Equality & inclusion issues

No changes have been made to the aims, rationale or content of the course. Only the Course assessment have changed as outlined above. This means that the original equality review carried out and attached remains valid and fit for purpose. It should be noted however, that the Units, which were a feature of the original ERF, have now been removed.

The introduction of a writing assignment could have a negative impact on some disabled candidates for example, those who have dyslexia or other writing difficulties.

Actions that will mitigate any adverse impact outlined above

The provision of appropriate assessment arrangements and other supportive practices such as the use of ICT and assistive software such as spell checks will mitigate the adverse impact for many candidates. SQA will also continue to ensure that individual requests for reasonable adjustments are considered where appropriate.

SQA recognises that reasonable adjustments or assessment arrangements may be incapable of mitigating all of the potential negative impacts entirely. Nevertheless, the decision to introduce new Course work has been taken to ensure that the standards, quality and credibility of the National Qualifications are maintained.

ORIGINAL NATIONAL QUALIFICATION DEVELOPMENT EQUALITY REVIEW

Date of review	22/05/2014
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Summary of Conclusion and recommendation

After full consideration of the issues above, and the potential barriers to candidates as noted, it may not be possible for all disabled candidates to achieve a National 5 or Higher Qualification in Gàidhlig.

The Gàidhlig qualifications at National 5 and Higher must have integrity as a benchmark to and for progression to work and further study, but also to support fully the Gaelic Language Act (2005) in its 'facilitating the promotion of ...the use and understanding of the Gaelic language', and the SQA Gaelic Language Plan, in 'securing effective opportunities for learning Gaelic'.