

Key messages from the 2013 NQ appeals

1. The number of appeals for each National Qualification 2012/2013

Level	2012			2013		
	Entries	Appeals	%	Entries	Appeals	%
Standard Grade*	657,834	31,229	4.7%	633,466	30,838	4.9%
Intermediate 1	58,630	3,881	6.6%	54,162	3,042	5.6%
Intermediate 2	125,263	9,974	8.0%	127,875	8,969	7.0%
Higher	180,486	19,977	11.1%	182,204	20,850	11.4%
Advanced Higher	21,587	2,679	12.4%	22,120	2,505	11.3%
Total	1,043,800	67,740	6.5%	1,019,827	66,204	6.5%

*Entries & Appeals at Standard Grade are counted at *element* level

- Appeals as a percentage of eligible pre-appeal entries remained constant at 6.5% from 2012 to 2013.

2. The success rate of appeals for each National Qualification 2012/2013

Entries	2012 %	2013 %	Percentage Point Change
Standard Grade	51.6%	51.5%	-0.1
Intermediate 1	46.7%	44.7%	-2.0
Intermediate 2	50.3%	49.4%	-1.0
Higher	43.9%	43.4%	-0.5
Advanced Higher	44.6%	48.3%	+3.7
Total	48.6%	48.2%	-0.3

- The success rate of appeals in 2013 fell to 48.2% from 48.6% in 2012
- Advanced Higher showed an increased success rate
- Intermediate 1&2 showed a decreased success rate
- All other levels remained constant

3. Late/Incomplete appeals by Stage 2009-2013

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Late Stage 1	1,479	1,273	1,248	1,063	1,143
Late Stage 2	2,596	1,868	1,972	1,511	1,360
Total	4,075	3,141	3,220	2,574	2,503

- The number of appeals received late or incomplete decreased by 71 when compared to 2012.

Late and incomplete appeals are those which are either received after the published submission deadline, or which do not include all the required documentation to be resulted.

4. The cost of the appeals process 2009-2013

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Cost	£737,284	£770,578	£793,238	£769,333	£775,687

- There was an increase of £6,354 in costs in 2013.
- Please note these are SQA costs only and do not include any costs incurred in Centres.