

Your Results 2025



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Results Helpline

**Whatever your results, you have options,
and our careers advisers can help.**

Talk to us about college and university,
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into work, and more.

Call 0808 100 8000

Tue 5 and Wed 6 Aug: 8am to 8pm

Thur 7 and Fri 8 Aug: 9am to 5pm



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Overview

We understand that getting your results and making decisions on what to do next can feel overwhelming.

This is a guide for all learners getting results on 5 August 2025. It explains what you'll get with your Scottish Qualifications Certificate and where to find help with your next steps.

If you don't understand any of the information in this guide, speak to your teacher or lecturer. You might also want to share the information with your parent or carer.

If you need this information in Braille or other languages, email **customer@sqa.org.uk** or call 0345 279 1000.



Your Scottish Qualifications Certificate

Your results envelope will contain a letter from the Chief Examining Officer and your results certificate, which shows:

- all of your SQA qualifications to date;
- your grades;
- when you achieved each qualification; and
- the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF) level of each qualification.

For more information about your certificate, visit **www.sqa.org.uk/sqc**



Top questions on results day



Who do I contact if I have any questions about my results?

Talk to your teacher, lecturer or course leader if you have questions about your results. If you're concerned about your grades, you can use our free appeals service. Find out more on page 8.



Why haven't I got my results by text or email?

We send texts and emails from 8 am on results day. Check your spam or junk folder if you haven't received your email. If you're abroad, remember you'll only get your results by text if your phone is set up to work outside the UK and you have enough credit.



I have results missing from my certificate. What should I do?

Speak to your teacher, lecturer or course leader. They will look into this for you.

If you have a question that isn't covered, visit www.sqa.org.uk/faqs

How exams and coursework are marked

Over 7,700 experienced teachers and lecturers mark the exams and coursework. These markers use their knowledge of course requirements and national standards to work out your final mark.

We carry out many checks across all courses and levels to make sure the marking is accurate and consistent. This is known as quality assurance.

Can I see my marked exam papers?

Not this year. However, we've gathered feedback on last year's trial of giving access to some marked exam papers and we'll use this information to shape this service for future years.

How many marks do I need for each grade?

The minimum marks needed for each grade (A to D) are not fixed. If an exam was easier or harder than planned, we adjust the minimum marks needed to make sure grades are fair from year to year. We call this 'setting grade boundaries'.

Watch this video to find out how we set **grade boundaries**.



Appeals

You can appeal if you are concerned about a National 5, Higher or Advanced Higher grade and you feel there may have been a mistake in the marking.

If you appeal, a senior marker will review your answers in your SQA marked assessments. This includes question papers and assignments. They'll check to make sure that:

- the marks have been given in line with the marking standards;
- all parts of your assessments have been marked;
- the marks have been added up correctly; and
- the correct result has been entered on our system.

After the review, your grade could stay the same, go up or go down.



Things to think about before you appeal

- Is your grade in line with your estimated grade?
- Have you talked to your teacher, lecturer or course leader about your grade?
- Is your grade unexpected?

You will not be able to appeal your grade if:

- your course award has been cancelled due to rule breaking (known as malpractice);
- your grade was awarded through the Examination Exceptional Circumstances Consideration Service; or
- you received a grade A.



Can I ask for a priority appeal?

We can prioritise your appeal if you have a conditional offer for university, college or training this year, or an employment opportunity that depends on your grade.

Priority appeals must be approved by your school, college or training provider. Tell them if you have a conditional offer that depends on your grade. You'll need to provide the name of the educational institution or employer for the appeal to be treated as a priority.

How do I appeal?

You can appeal through our learner direct appeals service at **www.sqa.org.uk/appeals**

You'll need to provide your:

- name;
- email address;
- date of birth; and
- Scottish Candidate Number (shown on your certificate).

You need to register for the learner direct appeals service separately from MySQA. If you prefer, you can ask your parent or carer to do this for you.

Parents and carers

If you are appealing for your child, please remember that:

- you must get their permission first;
- you will need to use a different email address for each child;
- you should make sure your child understands their grades can stay the same, go up or go down; and
- your child cannot appeal separately if you do it for them.

Watch this video to learn how to use the **learner direct service**.

Appeals Service timeline



Tuesday 5 August – results day. The appeals service opens at 9am.



Tuesday 12 August – the last date you, or your parent or carer, can ask for a priority appeal.



Thursday 21 August – the last date your school, college or training provider can ask for a priority appeal for you.



Tuesday 26 August – the last date you, or your parent or carer, can appeal.



Friday 29 August – the last date your school, college or training provider can appeal for you.



Monday 1 September – the date we issue priority appeal decisions to schools, colleges and training providers. They will then let you know your result. If you applied for a place on a course through Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS), we will also send your result to them. UCAS will then tell the relevant university or college. If you need to share your result with another organisation (such as an employer), it's up to you or your school, college or training provider to do this.



October 2025 – the month we issue decisions on all other appeals. We may need to issue our decisions later than this, depending on how many appeals we receive. We'll tell your school, college or training provider if this applies.

If your grade changes, you'll get a new certificate in November. Your grade on MySQA will be updated after that.

Appeals decisions are final and you cannot appeal your grade again.

Visit www.sqa.org.uk/appeals for more information.

Next steps



Thinking about Higher National Qualifications?



Higher National Certificates (HNCs) and Higher National Diplomas (HNDs) are qualifications that were developed in partnership with colleges, universities and industry.

There are HNC and HND courses in a huge range of subjects, from Accounting to Video Production. These courses help you to develop the practical skills and theoretical knowledge you need to do a job.



Visit **www.sqa.org.uk/hn** for more information.

Clearing

If you don't have a university or college offer, you can apply through UCAS Clearing for courses with available places.

For more information, visit

digital.ucas.com/search

or

www.ucas.com/undergraduate/clearing-and-results-day/what-clearing.



Support websites

For more help with your next steps and options, you can visit:



[SQA.org.uk/learners](https://www.sqa.org.uk/learners)



[e-sgoil.com](https://www.e-sgoil.com)



[mindyertime.scot](https://www.mindyertime.scot)



[myworldofwork.co.uk](https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk)



[myworldofwork/schoolleaverstoolkit](https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/schoolleaverstoolkit)



[ucas.com](https://www.ucas.com)



[whocaresscotland.org.uk](https://www.whocaresscotland.org.uk)



[young.scot](https://www.young.scot)

We're asking learners to take part in surveys and other research. Signing up gives you the opportunity to have your say on a range of issues. If you're interested, visit **www.sqa.org.uk/haveyoursay**

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