



New Qualifications - Latest Update 31 August 2011

Scottish qualifications are changing because of Curriculum for Excellence. You may have heard about Curriculum for Excellence from your child or from your child's school. Curriculum for Excellence is the new approach to learning in schools which will help to prepare children for the twenty-first century. We are developing the new qualifications your child will study.

New qualifications called National 4 and National 5 will replace the current Intermediates and Standard Grades. There will still be Highers and Advanced Highers and they will be updated.

We have a dedicated section of our website for parents and carers: www.sqa.org.uk/cfeforparents which gives you all of the information you need to help you to understand the changes and what they mean for you and your child.

We also have a leaflet especially for parents. You can download this on our website.

The new qualifications are in development and we are publishing [draft documents](#) on our website which outline our plans. This information is quite technical and is aimed at teachers and education specialists but it is also available for parents to comment on.

On 31 August 2011 we have published Unit Specifications for National 4 and National 5, Course Rationales and Summaries for Access 2 and Access 3 and Course Specifications for Higher. If you would like more information on these documents you can go to www.sqa.org.uk/draftdocuments.

A [summary of feedback](#) we have received so far on the developments has also been published on 31 August 2011.

The best way to keep up-to-date with the changes is to speak to your child's school. We also have a [team](#) who are visiting schools and colleges in Scotland to help them prepare for the new qualifications.

We will keep you up-to-date with all of the latest developments and [keep visiting our website](#) for the latest information and resources.

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