

North Highland College UHI

SQA Post-Certification Review

The SQA Post-Certification Review process is applicable to National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher Courses in 2020 only.

Full details of the SQA process can be viewed at <https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/94420.html>

SQA Post-Certification Reviews can only be submitted to SQA on behalf of a candidate by the centre where a candidate is enrolled (North Highland College UHI).

Estimate Grades

North Highland College UHI staff used SQA guidance, candidate evidence and their professional judgement to provide SQA with estimate grades earlier this year. Requests for Post-Certification Reviews will only be accepted by SQA where the grade awarded is lower than the grade which was estimated.

North Highland College UHI will review all results and estimates when they become available on 4th August and may approach individual candidates to seek their permission to submit a Post-Certification Review request on their behalf.

Post-Certification Review Requests

Should a candidate enrolled for National 5 and Higher courses at North Highland College UHI wish to request a Post-Certification Review they should fill in the NHC Post-Certification Review Request form online form to provide specific details which will be required by SQA (Click [HERE](#) for form)

NHC Tutors, NHC Support Staff or School Guidance Teachers may also fill in the form on the candidate's behalf.

If you have difficulty completing the form online, please use the contact details on the next page for support.

Communication

All communication with candidates will be via the contact details held on your official North Highland College UHI student record.

Deadlines

Priority review (for candidates with a conditional UCAS/University/College offer)

Please complete the online form by 5pm on **Thursday 13th August**

Normal review (for candidates who do not have a conditional UCAS/University/College offer)

Please complete the online form by 5pm on **Thursday 20th August**

Outcome

North Highland College UHI Quality and Learner Engagement Coordinator will advise candidates if their request has been approved for submission to SQA. The final decision on the eligibility of a request sits with the Principal, as Head of Centre. The decision taken will be based on SQA guidance and criteria for eligibility.

Senior SQA examiners will undertake a review of all requests submitted by reviewing any alternative assessment evidence we provide to them plus any non-question paper evidence already held by SQA (this is relevant for some National 5 qualifications where externally marked coursework was submitted to SQA prior to lockdown).

Examiners may either;

- Agree with the original centre estimate and upgrade the result
- Disagree with the original centre estimate and confirm the grade awarded by SQA
- Disagree with both the original centre estimate and the grade awarded by SQA and apply an alternative, lower grade

The outcome of priority reviews will be issued to North Highland College UHI, UCAS and any University/College where candidates hold a conditional offer on Friday 4th September.

The outcome of normal reviews will be issued to North Highland College UHI at a later date.

North Highland College UHI Quality and Learner Engagement Coordinator will advise candidates of the outcome of their request.

Queries

For any queries relating to the Post-Certification Review service at North Highland College UHI please contact NHCQuality@uhi.ac.uk or alternatively call 01847 889208. Please note that our core office hours are currently Monday – Friday 9am – 4pm.