



Scottish Qualifications Authority
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29 July 2024

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Contact Name – [REDACTED]
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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information received on 10.06.2024.

You asked SQA for the following information:

I require information regarding the experience of SQA for exam diet 2024. It has come to my attention that Art and Design markers are being recruited who have not taught a full course and have just finished their probation year. There has been no requirement of proof of teaching experience. Their lack of experience is very concerning in relation to previous requirements for joining an SQA marking team.

SQA's response

The marker recruitment process requires markers to have a minimum of 2 years current teaching experience at the level they wish to mark (this can include a probationary year if the whole course has been delivered). If they are currently delivering on a part time basis, they must be able to demonstrate experience in delivering the full course. They must also meet the following criteria:

- Be able to demonstrate excellence in assessing to the national standard.
- Be able to work professionally and co-operatively with other appointees and SQA staff.
- Be able to demonstrate excellent organisational and administrative skills with an ability to meet deadlines.
- Have a home computer or laptop with internet connection and a private email address.

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As part of the marker recruitment process, applicants are asked to confirm that they meet the criteria to mark. We are not aware of anyone on an Art and Design marking team who does not meet the criteria to mark.

If you are not satisfied with the way in which we have dealt with your request for information made under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, you have the right to request a review of our actions and decisions in relation to that request. A request for a review must be made within 40 working days of the original decision, should include the name and address of the applicant for correspondence, the request for information to which the review refers and the matter giving rise to the dissatisfaction. Review requests should be sent by email to foi@sqa.org.uk, or by post to:

Freedom of Information Officer
Scottish Qualifications Authority
The Optima Building
58 Robertson Street
GLASGOW
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The request will be acknowledged, and a review will be carried out by a senior official within SQA who has not been involved in the original response. Their decision will be sent to you within 20 working days of receipt of the request. If you are still dissatisfied, you have a right to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner for a decision, which you can do using this link www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal. Should you wish to appeal against this decision, you have the right to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

Further details are available on the Commissioner's [website](#). The Commissioner's contact details are as follows:

The Scottish Information Commissioner
Kinburn Castle
Doubledykes Road
St Andrews
KY16 9DS
Tel: 01334 464610
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Yours sincerely,

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