

Enclosure 03 – Initial embargoed statistical briefing to the Deputy First Minister - Ministerial submission 1

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Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills

SQA Attainment Results 2019

Purpose

1. To provide you with summary statistical information on the SQA Attainment Results.

Priority

2. Immediate – a meeting is arranged with officials for 18:15 today.
3. These statistics are scheduled for publication at 9.30 am on Tuesday 6th August.
4. A summary of headline results (Annex A) and summary tables (Annex B) are attached.
5. A further submission containing further analysis and policy lines will be sent to you tomorrow, Friday 2 August.

Action

6. DFM is asked to note the information included in the annexes.

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- **Annex A - Overview**

Background

Overall the S4-S6 cohort in 2019 is a broadly similar size to the 2018 cohort

- S4-S6 this year are 2001-2003 births
- S4-S6 pupil roll is **0.5% bigger** than last year's. Within this:
 - S4 pupil roll is 3.0% bigger than last year's
 - S5 pupil roll is 0.6% smaller than last year's
 - S6 pupil roll is 1.9% smaller than last year's

Key points from 2019

Decreases in numbers at **Advanced Higher**:

- total number of entries at Advanced Higher is 23,460 – **down 3.6%**
- total number of passes at Advanced Higher is 18,627 – **down 4.9%**
- pass rate for 2019 was 79.4%, down on 80.5% in 2018 (down 1.1 percentage points)

Decreases in numbers at **Higher**:

- total number of entries at Higher is 185,914 – **down 3.1%**
- total number of passes at Higher is 138,972 – **down 5.7%**
- pass rate for 2019 was 74.8% compared to 76.8% in 2018 (down 2.0 percentage points)

Increases in numbers at **National 5**:

- total number of entries at National 5 is 288,552 – **up 2.4%**
- total number of passes at National 5 is 225,594 – **up 3.4%**
- pass rate for 2019 was 78.2% compared to 77.4% in 2018 (up 0.7 percentage points)

Decreases in numbers at **National 4**:

- total number of entries at National 4 is 104,866 – **down 1.1%**
- total number of passes at National 4 is 92,845 – **down 3.9%**
- pass rate for 2019 was 88.5% compared to 91.1% in 2018 (down 2.6 percentage points)

Developing the Young Workforce programme

- Total attainment for Awards, National Certificates and National Progression Awards is up 7.7%, to 44,744 passes. There has been movement between these qualifications, over all levels. Awards passes are up 3,884, National Certificates passes are down 1,328 and National Progression Awards passes are up 662.
- Skills for Work (Level 5) had 8,023 entries and 6,633 passes; both up from 2018
- The pass rate has decreased from 86.0% in 2018 to 82.7% in 2019.

Subject specific issues

Between 2018 and 2019 there have been small increases in pass rates for Mathematics in National 5 and Advanced Higher whilst for Higher Mathematics the pass rate has fallen:

Advanced Higher Mathematics

- total entries are **up 0.6%**, to 3,706 (2018 – 3,683)
- total passes are **up 1.6%**, to 2,795 (2018 – 2,751)
- pass rate has increased from 74.7% to 75.4% (up 0.7 percentage points)

Higher Mathematics :

- total entries are **down 0.7%**, to 18,626 (2018 – 18,753)
- total passes are **down 3.5%**, to 13,481 (2018 – 13,973)
- pass rate has decreased from 74.5% to 72.4% (down 2.1 percentage points)

National 5 Mathematics:

- total entries are **steady** at 41,586 (2018 – 41,590)
- total passes are **up 1.3%**, to 27,241 (2018 – 26,894)
- pass rate has increased from 64.7% to 65.5% (up 0.8 percentage points)

There has been an increase in the English National 5 pass rate but decreases in Higher and Advanced Higher pass rates between 2018 and 2019:

Advanced Higher English

- total entries are **down 5.6%**, to 2,347 (2018 – 2,485)
- total passes are **down 8.8%**, to 1,841 (2018 – 2,019)
- pass rate has decreased from 81.2% to 78.4% (down 2.8 percentage points)

Higher English:

- total entries are **down 2.0%**, to 35,461 (2018 – 36,185)
- total passes are **down 5.5%**, to 25,967 (2018 – 27,482)
- pass rate has decreased from 75.9% to 73.2% (down 2.7 percentage points)

National 5 English:

- total entries are **up 2.5%**, to 45,593 (2018 – 44,477)
- total passes are **up 4.4%**, to 39,345 (2018 – 37,701)
- pass rate has increased from 84.8% to 86.3% (up 1.5 percentage points)

Higher Sciences (chemistry, physics, biology and human biology)

- total entries are **up 2.6%**, to 32,316 (2018 – 31,512)
- total passes are **up 1.4%**, to 23,762 (2018 – 23,435)
- Small decreases in pass rates between 2018 and 2019 in Higher Biology, Human Biology, Physics and Chemistry (down 0.7, down 0.4, down 0.8 and down 1.1 percentage points respectively).

Higher Computer Science

- total entries are **down 21.2%**, to 3,228 (2018 – 4,099)
- total passes are **down 26.7%**, to 2,064 (2018 – 2,816)
- pass rate has decreased from 68.7% to 63.9% (down 4.8 percentage points)

Higher Languages (Chinese, French, Gaelic Learners, German, Italian, Spanish, Urdu)

- total entries are **down 2.1%**, to 7,805 (2018 – 7,974)
- total passes are **down 2.0%**, to 6,740 (2018 – 6,881)
- French and Spanish Higher pass rates have remained broadly stable between 2018 to 2019 (down 0.1 and down 0.4 percentage points respectively) and Higher German pass rates have increased slightly (1.1 percentage points).

• **Annex B – Summary tables**
Summary

National 4	2014^a	2015^a	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	122,716	130,876	122,961	116,032	106,033	104,866	-17,850	-14.5%	-1,167	-1.1%
Passes (A-C)	114,173	122,071	114,635	107,631	96,613	92,845	-21,328	-18.7%	-3,768	-3.9%
Pass Rate	93.0%	93.3%	93.2%	92.8%	91.1%	88.5%	-4.5pp	n/a	-2.6pp	n/a

National 5	2014^a	2015^a	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	213,595	288,016	295,083	293,220	281,785	288,552	74,957	35.1%	6,767	2.4%
Passes (A-C)	173,131	229,870	234,160	233,005	218,201	225,594	52,463	30.3%	7,393	3.4%
Pass Rate	81.1%	79.8%	79.4%	79.5%	77.4%	78.2%	-2.9pp	n/a	0.7pp	n/a

Higher	2014^b	2015^b	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	191,850	199,850	197,774	194,813	191,951	185,914	-5,936	-3.1%	-6,037	-3.1%
Passes (A-C)	147,899	156,000	152,701	150,010	147,419	138,972	-8,927	-6.0%	-8,447	-5.7%
Pass Rate	77.1%	78.1%	77.2%	77.0%	76.8%	74.8%	-2.3pp	n/a	-2pp	n/a

Advanced Higher	2014^c	2015^c	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	22,430	23,348	23,795	24,112	24,331	23,460	1,030	4.6%	-871	-3.6%
Passes (A-C)	18,171	18,899	19,443	19,283	19,585	18,627	456	2.5%	-958	-4.9%
Pass Rate	81.0%	80.9%	81.7%	80.0%	80.5%	79.4%	-1.6pp	n/a	-1.1pp	n/a

a. Intermediate 1s and 2s still available

b. 2014 - Previous Higher only, 2015 - Previous Higher and New Higher combined

c. 2014 - 2015 Previous Advanced Higher only

pp = percentage point change

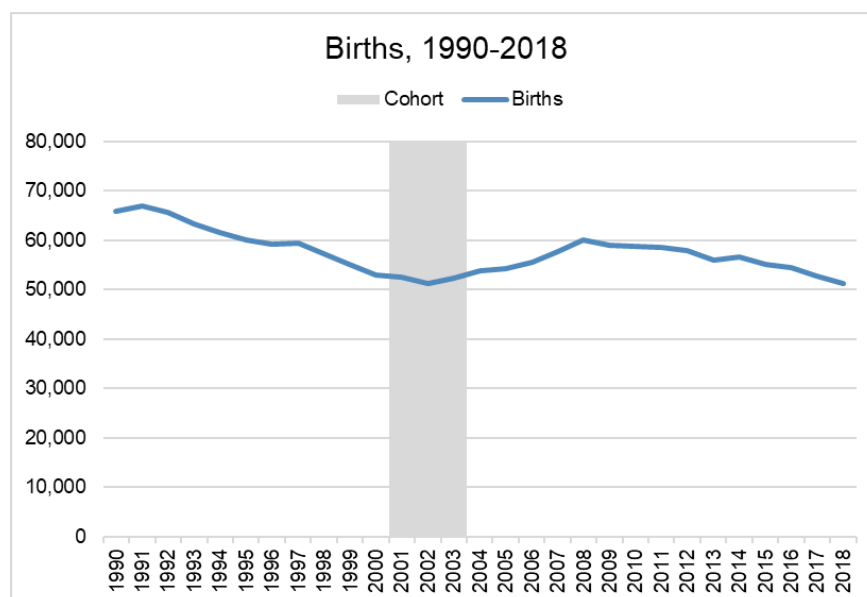
Pupil Cohort

	Sep 2017 Pupil Census	Sep 2018 Pupil Census	Change	% Change
Pupil numbers				
S4	49,705	51,175	1,470	3.0%
S5	43,934	43,660	-274	-0.6%
S6	31,837	31,232	-605	-1.9%
S4+S5	93,639	94,835	1,196	1.3%
S5+S6	75,771	74,892	-879	-1.2%
S4-S6	125,476	126,067	591	0.5%

Entries	2018	2019	Change	% Change
National 4	106,033	104,866	-1,167	-1.1%
National 5	281,785	288,552	6,767	2.4%
Higher	191,951	185,914	-6,037	-3.1%
Advanced Higher	24,331	23,460	-871	-3.6%
Total Entries	604,100	602,792	-1,308	-0.2%

Passes	2018	2019	Change	% Change
National 4	96,613	92,845	-3,768	-3.9%
National 5	218,201	225,594	7,393	3.4%
Higher	147,419	138,972	-8,447	-5.7%
Advanced Higher	19,585	18,627	-958	-4.9%
Total Passes	481,818	476,038	-5,780	-1.2%

Entries per pupil	4.8	4.8
Passes per pupil	3.8	3.8



SCQF Level Overview

Number of passes across qualifications in SCQF Level 4

Awards, National Certificates and National Progression Awards, do not have entries published in the SQA tables

SCQF Level 4 (Passes)	2014 ^a	2015 ^a	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
National 4 (A-C)	114,173	122,071	114,635	107,631	96,613	92,845	-21,328	-18.7%	-3,768	-3.9%
Skills for Work	4,266	4,374	3,510	2,982	2,855	2,869	-1,397	-32.7%	14	0.5%
Awards	7,887	9,673	11,391	10,834	9,851	10,292	2,405	30.5%	441	4.5%
National Certificates	89	273	371	345	213	223	134	150.6%	10	4.7%
National Progression Awards	4,111	4,336	4,958	4,803	4,759	4,371	260	6.3%	-388	-8.2%

Number of passes across qualifications in SCQF Level 5

Awards, National Certificates and National Progression Awards, do not have entries published in the SQA tables

SCQF Level 5 (Passes)	2014 ^a	2015 ^a	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
National 5	173,131	229,870	234,160	233,005	218,201	225,594	52,463	30.3%	7,393	3.4%
Skills for Work	3,603	4,406	4,673	5,311	5,702	6,633	3,030	84.1%	931	16.3%
Awards	1,514	1,952	2,907	3,662	3,755	5,184	3,670	242.4%	1,429	38.1%
National Certificates	2,582	3,219	4,103	2,691	2,450	1,809	-773	-29.9%	-641	-26.2%
National Progression Awards	4,206	4,120	4,958	4,395	4,604	5,252	1,046	24.9%	648	14.1%

Number of passes across qualifications in SCQF Level 6

Awards, National Certificates and National Progression Awards, do not have entries published in the SQA tables

SCQF Level 6 (Passes)	2014 ^a	2015 ^a	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Higher	147,899	156,000	152,701	150,010	147,419	138,972	-8,927	-6.0%	-8,447	-5.7%
Skills for Work	1,088	1,165	306	357	215	160	-928	-85.3%	-55	-25.6%
Awards	801	1,305	2,710	3,523	4,258	5,388	4,587	572.7%	1,130	26.5%
National Certificates	2,729	3,989	4,920	3,585	3,538	2,834	105	3.8%	-704	-19.9%
National Progression Awards	701	969	1,611	1,619	2,848	3,344	2,643	377.0%	496	17.4%

a. 2014 - Previous Higher only, 2015 - Previous Higher and New Higher combined

pp = percentage point change

Subject tables

English

National 4	2014^a	2015^a	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	19,244	20,076	17,784	15,724	14,451	13,914	-5,330	-27.7%	-537	-3.7%
Passes (A-C)	18,187	19,153	17,001	15,008	13,415	12,771	-5,416	-29.8%	-644	-4.8%
Pass Rate	94.5%	95.4%	95.6%	95.4%	92.8%	91.8%	-2.7pp	n/a	-1pp	n/a

National 5	2014^a	2015^a	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	28,798	44,794	45,856	46,273	44,477	45,593	16,795	58.3%	1,116	2.5%
Passes (A-C)	25,091	38,950	39,813	40,354	37,701	39,345	14,254	56.8%	1,644	4.4%
Pass Rate	87.1%	87.0%	86.8%	87.2%	84.8%	86.3%	-0.8pp	n/a	1.5pp	n/a

Higher	2014^b	2015^b	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	31,582	35,354	36,356	35,716	36,185	35,461	3,879	12.3%	-724	-2.0%
Passes (A-C)	23,702	27,902	28,666	27,609	27,482	25,967	2,265	9.6%	-1,515	-5.5%
Pass Rate	75.0%	78.9%	78.8%	77.3%	75.9%	73.2%	-1.8pp	n/a	-2.7pp	n/a

Advanced Higher	2014^c	2015^c	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	1,716	1,750	2,303	2,627	2,485	2,347	631	36.8%	-138	-5.6%
Passes (A-C)	1,449	1,412	1,863	1,994	2,019	1,841	392	27.1%	-178	-8.8%
Pass Rate	84.4%	80.7%	80.9%	75.9%	81.2%	78.4%	-6pp	n/a	-2.8pp	n/a

a. Intermediate 1s and 2s still available

b. 2014 - Previous Higher only, 2015 - Previous Higher and New Higher combined

c. 2014 - 2015 Previous Advanced Higher only

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Mathematics

National 4	2014 ^a	2015 ^a	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	20,952	25,701	26,279	26,596	23,841	22,982	2,030	9.7%	-859	-3.6%
Passes (A-C)	19,329	23,742	24,455	24,556	21,416	20,452	1,123	5.8%	-964	-4.5%
Pass Rate	92.3%	92.4%	93.1%	92.3%	89.8%	89.0%	-3.3pp	n/a	-0.8pp	n/a

National 5	2014 ^a	2015 ^a	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	22,536	36,475	41,780	42,191	41,590	41,586	19,050	84.5%	-4	0.0%
Passes (A-C)	15,907	22,536	26,412	26,927	26,894	27,241	11,334	71.3%	347	1.3%
Pass Rate	70.6%	61.8%	63.2%	63.8%	64.7%	65.5%	-5.1pp	n/a	0.8pp	n/a

Higher	2014 ^b	2015 ^b	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	21,851	21,074	18,868	18,861	18,753	18,626	-3,225	-14.8%	-127	-0.7%
Passes (A-C)	15,757	15,169	13,863	13,953	13,973	13,481	-2,276	-14.4%	-492	-3.5%
Pass Rate	72.1%	72.0%	73.5%	74.0%	74.5%	72.4%	0.3pp	n/a	-2.1pp	n/a

Advanced Higher	2014 ^c	2015 ^c	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	3,443	3,641	3,356	3,586	3,683	3,706	263	7.6%	23	0.6%
Passes (A-C)	2,414	2,496	2,476	2,672	2,751	2,795	381	15.8%	44	1.6%
Pass Rate	70.1%	68.6%	73.8%	74.5%	74.7%	75.4%	5.3pp	n/a	0.7pp	n/a

a. Intermediate 1s and 2s still available

b. 2014 - Previous Higher only, 2015 - Previous Higher and New Higher combined

c. 2014 - 2015 Previous Advanced Higher only

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Application of Mathematics

National 4	2014 ^a	2015 ^a	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	1,674	3,989	3,927	3,275	2,536	2,964	1,290	77.1%	428	16.9%
Passes (A-C)	1,452	3,457	3,336	2,777	2,113	2,380	928	63.9%	267	12.6%
Pass Rate	86.7%	86.7%	85.0%	84.8%	83.3%	80.3%	-6.4pp	n/a	-3pp	n/a

National 5	2014 ^a	2015 ^a	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	223	2,739	2,796	2,599	2,482	4,458	4,235	1899.1%	1,976	79.6%
Passes (A-C)	120	844	1,000	1,208	1,434	2,607	2,487	2072.5%	1,173	81.8%
Pass Rate	53.8%	30.8%	35.8%	46.5%	57.8%	58.5%	4.7pp	n/a	0.7pp	n/a

a. Intermediate 1s and 2s still available

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**Science
Biology**

National 4	2014^a	2015^a	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	8,738	9,587	9,042	8,626	7,216	7,160	-1,578	-18.1%	-56	-0.8%
Passes (A-C)	8,162	8,958	8,501	8,165	6,738	6,557	-1,605	-19.7%	-181	-2.7%
Pass Rate	93.4%	93.4%	94.0%	94.7%	93.4%	91.6%	-1.8pp	n/a	-1.8pp	n/a

National 5	2014^a	2015^a	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	16,146	21,635	21,211	21,417	20,928	21,549	5,403	33.5%	621	3.0%
Passes (A-C)	10,584	15,298	15,548	15,277	15,253	15,199	4,615	43.6%	-54	-0.4%
Pass Rate	65.6%	70.7%	73.3%	71.3%	72.9%	70.5%	5pp	n/a	-2.4pp	n/a

Higher	2014^b	2015^b	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	10,197	9,699	7,493	7,574	7,305	7,685	-2,512	-24.6%	380	5.2%
Passes (A-C)	7,052	6,945	5,153	5,466	5,364	5,588	-1,464	-20.8%	224	4.2%
Pass Rate	69.2%	71.6%	68.8%	72.2%	73.4%	72.7%	3.6pp	n/a	-0.7pp	n/a

Advanced Higher	2014^c	2015^c	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	2,518	2,425	2,362	2,252	2,319	2,314	-204	-8.1%	-5	-0.2%
Passes (A-C)	1,837	1,865	1,896	1,662	1,727	1,715	-122	-6.6%	-12	-0.7%
Pass Rate	73.0%	76.9%	80.3%	73.8%	74.5%	74.1%	1.2pp	n/a	-0.4pp	n/a

a. Intermediate 1s and 2s still available

b. 2014 - Previous Higher only, 2015 - Previous Higher and New Higher combined

c. 2014 - 2015 Previous Advanced Higher only

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Human Biology

Higher	2014 ^a	2015 ^a	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	3,943	4,549	5,991	5,927	5,937	6,259	2,316	58.7%	322	5.4%
Passes (A-C)	2,824	3,145	4,111	4,198	4,145	4,345	1,521	53.9%	200	4.8%
Pass Rate	71.6%	69.1%	68.6%	70.8%	69.8%	69.4%	-2.2pp	n/a	0.4pp	n/a

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Chemistry

National 4	2014 ^a	2015 ^a	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	6,291	6,396	5,398	5,120	4,186	3,875	-2,416	-38.4%	-311	-7.4%
Passes (A-C)	5,877	6,014	5,094	4,849	3,937	3,545	-2,332	-39.7%	-392	-10.0%
Pass Rate	93.4%	94.0%	94.4%	94.7%	94.1%	91.5%	-1.9pp	n/a	-2.6pp	n/a

National 5	2014 ^a	2015 ^a	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	14,157	16,659	17,046	16,399	15,930	16,035	1,878	13.3%	105	0.7%
Passes (A-C)	10,311	12,074	12,971	12,529	12,296	12,326	2,015	19.5%	30	0.2%
Pass Rate	72.8%	72.5%	76.1%	76.4%	77.2%	76.9%	4pp	n/a	-0.3pp	n/a

Higher	2014 ^b	2015 ^b	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	10,716	10,412	10,077	10,134	9,990	10,047	-669	-6.2%	57	0.6%
Passes (A-C)	8,176	7,730	7,670	7,675	7,655	7,590	-586	-7.2%	-65	-0.8%
Pass Rate	76.3%	74.2%	76.1%	75.7%	76.6%	75.5%	-0.8pp	n/a	-1.1pp	n/a

Advanced Higher	2014 ^c	2015 ^c	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	2,393	2,448	2,614	2,523	2,591	2,452	59	2.5%	-139	-5.4%
Passes (A-C)	1,829	1,958	2,168	2,102	2,131	2,016	187	10.2%	-115	-5.4%
Pass Rate	76.4%	80.0%	82.9%	83.3%	82.2%	82.2%	5.8pp	n/a	0pp	n/a

a. Intermediate 1s and 2s still available

b. 2014 - Previous Higher only, 2015 - Previous Higher and New Higher combined

c. 2014 - 2015 Previous Advanced Higher only

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Physics

National 4	2014^a	2015^a	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	5,025	5,259	5,023	4,334	3,671	3,487	-1,538	-30.6%	-184	-5.0%
Passes (A-C)	4,665	4,956	4,752	4,094	3,447	3,213	-1,452	-31.1%	-234	-6.8%
Pass Rate	92.8%	94.2%	94.6%	94.5%	93.9%	92.1%	-0.7pp	n/a	-1.8pp	n/a

National 5	2014^a	2015^a	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	11,932	14,942	14,888	14,165	13,699	13,792	1,860	15.6%	93	0.7%
Passes (A-C)	8,173	11,067	11,016	10,359	10,274	10,289	2,116	25.9%	15	0.1%
Pass Rate	68.5%	74.1%	74.0%	73.1%	75.0%	74.6%	6.1pp	n/a	-0.4pp	n/a

Higher	2014^b	2015^b	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	9,098	9,063	9,131	8,955	8,280	8,325	-773	-8.5%	45	0.5%
Passes (A-C)	6,768	6,675	6,773	6,794	6,271	6,239	-529	-7.8%	-32	-0.5%
Pass Rate	74.4%	73.7%	74.2%	75.9%	75.7%	74.9%	0.6pp	n/a	-0.8pp	n/a

Advanced Higher	2014^c	2015^c	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	1,815	1,845	1,923	1,861	1,891	1,646	-169	-9.3%	-245	-13.0%
Passes (A-C)	1,458	1,441	1,518	1,455	1,505	1,293	-165	-11.3%	-212	-14.1%
Pass Rate	80.3%	78.1%	78.9%	78.2%	79.6%	78.6%	-1.8pp	n/a	-1pp	n/a

a. Intermediate 1s and 2s still available

b. 2014 - Previous Higher only, 2015 - Previous Higher and New Higher combined

c. 2014 - 2015 Previous Advanced Higher only

pp = percentage point change

Technologies

Computing Science¹

National 4	2014 ^a	2015 ^a	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	3,792	3,456	2,893	2,695	2,820	2,650	-1,142	-30.1%	-170	-6.0%
Passes (A-C)	3,540	3,226	2,677	2,492	2,571	2,331	-1,209	-34.2%	-240	-9.3%
Pass Rate	93.4%	93.3%	92.5%	92.5%	91.2%	88.0%	-5.4pp	n/a	-3.2pp	n/a

National 5	2014 ^a	2015 ^a	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	5,853	7,663	7,927	7,442	6,442	6,344	491	8.4%	-98	-1.5%
Passes (A-C)	4,862	6,399	6,533	6,108	4,814	4,740	-122	-2.5%	-74	-1.5%
Pass Rate	83.1%	83.5%	82.4%	82.1%	74.7%	74.7%	-8.4pp	n/a	0pp	n/a

Higher	2014 ^b	2015 ^b	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	5,527	4,677	4,454	4,476	4,099	3,228	-2,299	-41.6%	-871	-21.2%
Passes (A-C)	3,915	3,206	3,138	2,887	2,816	2,064	-1,851	-47.3%	-752	-26.7%
Pass Rate	70.8%	68.5%	70.5%	64.5%	68.7%	63.9%	-6.9pp	n/a	-4.8pp	n/a

Advanced Higher	2014 ^c	2015 ^c	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	472	539	485	641	636	614	142	30.1%	-22	-3.5%
Passes (A-C)	397	460	362	454	454	402	5	1.3%	-52	-11.5%
Pass Rate	84.1%	85.3%	74.6%	70.8%	71.4%	65.5%	-18.6pp	n/a	-5.9pp	n/a

1. Computing, Computing Science, Computing Studies, Information Systems

a. Intermediate 1s and 2s still available

b. 2014 - Previous Higher only, 2015 - Previous Higher and New Higher combined.

c. 2014 - 2015 Previous Advanced Higher only

pp = percentage point change

Engineering Science

National 4	2014 ^a	2015 ^a	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	362	426	397	411	372	342	-20	-5.5%	-30	-8.1%
Passes (A-C)	297	382	349	364	320	267	-30	-10.1%	-53	-16.6%
Pass Rate	82.0%	89.7%	87.9%	88.6%	86.0%	78.1%	-4pp	n/a	-8.0pp	n/a

National 5	2014 ^a	2015 ^a	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	1,296	1,808	1,831	1,744	1,808	1,646	350	27.0%	-162	-9.0%
Passes (A-C)	1,055	1,555	1,480	1,384	1,407	1,379	324	30.7%	-28	-2.0%
Pass Rate	81.4%	86.0%	80.8%	79.4%	77.8%	83.8%	2.4pp	n/a	6.0pp	n/a

Higher	2014 ^b	2015 ^b	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	n/a	881	1,029	1,126	1,014	1,110	n/a	n/a	96	9.5%
Passes (A-C)	n/a	652	765	803	704	725	n/a	n/a	21	3.0%
Pass Rate	n/a	74.0%	74.3%	71.3%	69.4%	65.3%	n/a	n/a	-4.1pp	n/a

Advanced Higher	2014 ^c	2015 ^c	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	n/a	n/a	75	79	59	36	n/a	n/a	-23	-39.0%
Passes (A-C)	n/a	n/a	58	42	40	30	n/a	n/a	-10	-25.0%
Pass Rate	n/a	n/a	77.3%	53.2%	67.8%	83.3%	n/a	n/a	15.5pp	n/a

a. Intermediate 1s and 2s still available

b. Engineering Science replaced the previous Technological Studies qualification. However, there were significant changes and so we have only provided figures for the New Higher qualification.

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Graphic Communications

National 4	2014 ^a	2015 ^a	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	1,537	1,323	1,317	1,169	1,211	1,214	-323	-21.0%	3	0.2%
Passes (A-C)	1,334	1,179	1,200	1,021	1,065	1,033	-301	-22.6%	-32	-3.0%
Pass Rate	86.8%	89.1%	91.1%	87.3%	87.9%	85.1%	-1.7pp	n/a	-2.9pp	n/a

National 5	2014 ^a	2015 ^a	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	6,129	6,707	6,505	6,301	5,434	5,406	-723	-11.8%	-28	-0.5%
Passes (A-C)	5,111	5,741	4,924	5,356	3,935	3,905	-1,206	-23.6%	-30	-0.8%
Pass Rate	83.4%	85.6%	75.7%	85.0%	72.4%	72.2%	-11.2pp	n/a	-0.2pp	n/a

Higher	2014 ^b	2015 ^b	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	4,150	4,682	4,611	4,351	4,134	3,497	-653	-15.7%	-637	-15.4%
Passes (A-C)	3,288	3,730	3,234	3,442	3,126	2,609	-679	-20.7%	-517	-16.5%
Pass Rate	79.2%	79.7%	70.1%	79.1%	75.6%	74.6%	-4.6pp	n/a	-1pp	n/a

Advanced Higher	2014 ^c	2015 ^c	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	956	909	671	543	525	506	-450	-47.1%	-19	-3.6%
Passes (A-C)	866	806	440	342	348	319	-547	-63.2%	-29	-8.3%
Pass Rate	90.6%	88.7%	65.6%	63.0%	66.3%	63.0%	-27.5pp	n/a	-3.2pp	n/a

a. Intermediate 1s and 2s still available

b. 2014 - Previous Higher only, 2015 - Previous Higher and New Higher combined

c. 2014 - 2015 Previous Advanced Higher only

pp = percentage point change

Design and Manufacture

National 4	2014 ^a	2015 ^a	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	2,369	1,863	1,674	1,348	1,531	1,517	-852	-36.0%	-14	-0.9%
Passes (A-C)	2,064	1,653	1,435	1,137	1,248	1,145	-919	-44.5%	-103	-8.3%
Pass Rate	87.1%	88.7%	85.7%	84.3%	81.5%	75.5%	-11.6pp	n/a	-6.0pp	n/a

National 5	2014 ^a	2015 ^a	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	4,135	5,169	4,903	4,980	4,599	4,481	346	8.4%	-118	-2.6%
Passes (A-C)	3,744	4,427	4,099	4,174	2,603	3,156	-588	-15.7%	553	21.2%
Pass Rate	90.5%	85.6%	83.6%	83.8%	56.6%	70.4%	-20.1pp	n/a	13.8pp	n/a

Higher	2014 ^b	2015 ^b	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	n/a	2,224	3,078	3,021	2,820	2,248	n/a	n/a	-572	-20.3%
Passes (A-C)	n/a	1,521	1,918	1,934	1,723	1,219	n/a	n/a	-504	-29.3%
Pass Rate	n/a	68.4%	62.3%	64.0%	61.1%	54.2%	n/a	n/a	-6.9pp	n/a

Advanced Higher	2014 ^c	2015 ^c	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	n/a	n/a	70	82	93	79	n/a	n/a	-14	-15.1%
Passes (A-C)	n/a	n/a	34	44	50	51	n/a	n/a	1	2.0%
Pass Rate	n/a	n/a	48.6%	53.7%	53.8%	64.6%	n/a	n/a	10.8pp	n/a

a. Intermediate 1s and 2s still available

b. 2014 - Previous Higher only, 2015 - Previous Higher and New Higher combined

c. 2014 - 2015 Previous Advanced Higher only

pp = percentage point change

STEM Overview

SCQF Level 4 (Passes)	2014 ^a	2015 ^a	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
National 4 (A-C)	50,677	57,456	55,342	52,715	45,987	43,908	-6,769	-13.4%	-2,079	-4.5%
Skills for Work	1,102	999	825	715	750	838	-264	-24.0%	88	11.7%
National Certificates	41	93	113	89	50	74	33	80.5%	24	48.0%
National Progression Awards	493	500	515	565	670	642	149	30.2%	-28	-4.2%

SCQF Level 5 (Passes)	2014 ^a	2015 ^a	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
National 5 (A-C)	64,266	87,442	92,127	91,557	86,270	88,978	24,712	38.5%	2,708	3.1%
Skills for Work	766	1,101	1,530	1,404	1,580	1,790	1,024	133.7%	210	13.3%
National Certificates	912	1,155	1,309	903	798	671	-241	-26.4%	-127	-15.9%
National Progression Awards	1,483	1,852	2,039	1,724	1,450	1,723	169	10.9%	206	13.6%

SCQF Level 6 (Passes)	2014 ^b	2015 ^b	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Higher (A-C)	55,121	53,875	50,396	50,966	49,785	47,543	-7,578	-13.7%	-2,242	-4.5%
Skills for Work	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Awards	n/a	n/a	99	86	51	52	n/a	n/a	1	2.0%
National Certificates	780	1,078	1,427	1,102	1,055	849	69	8.8%	-206	-19.5%
National Progression Awards	200	249	442	452	701	1,002	802	401.0%	301	42.9%

a. Intermediate 1s and 2s still available

b. 2014 - Previous Higher only, 2015 - Previous Higher and New Higher combined

pp = percentage point change

Note: STEM Definition matches the STEM Strategy

Languages

French

National 4	2014 ^a	2015 ^a	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	5,068	4,185	3,048	3,003	2,447	2,418	-2,650	-52.3%	-29	-1.2%
Passes (A-C)	4,919	4,078	2,951	2,899	2,334	2,313	-2,606	-53.0%	-21	-0.9%
Pass Rate	97.1%	97.4%	96.8%	96.5%	95.4%	95.7%	-1.4pp	n/a	0.3pp	n/a

National 5	2014 ^a	2015 ^a	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	9,444	10,551	9,292	9,078	8,145	7,872	-1,572	-16.6%	-273	-3.4%
Passes (A-C)	8,184	9,452	7,991	8,107	7,115	6,680	-1,504	-18.4%	-435	-6.1%
Pass Rate	86.7%	89.6%	86.0%	89.3%	87.4%	84.9%	-1.8pp	n/a	-2.5pp	n/a

Higher	2014 ^b	2015 ^b	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	4,157	4,572	4,581	3,918	3,780	3,417	-740	-17.8%	-363	-9.6%
Passes (A-C)	3,566	3,950	4,069	3,415	3,301	2,981	-585	-16.4%	-320	-9.7%
Pass Rate	85.8%	86.4%	88.8%	87.2%	87.3%	87.2%	1.5pp	n/a	-0.1pp	n/a

Advanced Higher	2014 ^c	2015 ^c	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	618	669	698	774	638	603	-15	-2.4%	-35	-5.5%
Passes (A-C)	502	545	591	608	556	467	-35	-7.0%	-89	-16.0%
Pass Rate	81.2%	81.5%	84.7%	78.6%	87.1%	77.4%	-3.8pp	n/a	-9.7pp	n/a

a. Intermediate 1s and 2s still available

b. 2014 - Previous Higher only, 2015 - Previous Higher and New Higher combined

c. 2014 - 2015 Previous Advanced Higher only

pp = percentage point change

German

National 4	2014 ^a	2015 ^a	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	999	780	666	608	493	467	-532	-53.3%	-26	-5.3%
Passes (A-C)	970	757	655	580	472	447	-523	-53.9%	-25	-5.3%
Pass Rate	97.1%	97.1%	98.3%	95.4%	95.7%	95.7%	-1.4pp	n/a	0.0pp	n/a

National 5	2014 ^a	2015 ^a	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	2,206	2,188	2,025	1,899	1,859	1,805	-401	-18.2%	-54	-2.9%
Passes (A-C)	2,043	1,934	1,739	1,674	1,622	1,556	-487	-23.8%	-66	-4.1%
Pass Rate	92.6%	88.4%	85.9%	88.2%	87.3%	86.2%	-6.4pp	n/a	-1.0pp	n/a

Higher	2014 ^b	2015 ^b	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	1,006	1,114	1,019	890	817	787	-219	-21.8%	-30	-3.7%
Passes (A-C)	767	898	935	803	725	707	-60	-7.8%	-18	-2.5%
Pass Rate	76.2%	80.6%	91.8%	90.2%	88.7%	89.8%	13.6pp	n/a	1.1pp	n/a

Advanced Higher	2014 ^c	2015 ^c	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	142	109	146	172	124	127	-15	-10.6%	3	2.4%
Passes (A-C)	122	93	125	147	115	122	0	0.0%	7	6.1%
Pass Rate	85.9%	85.3%	85.6%	85.5%	92.7%	96.1%	10.1pp	n/a	3.3pp	n/a

a. Intermediate 1s and 2s still available

b. 2014 - Previous Higher only, 2015 - Previous Higher and New Higher combined

c. 2014 - 2015 Previous Advanced Higher only

pp = percentage point change

Spanish

National 4	2014 ^a	2015 ^a	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	1,540	1,586	1,490	1,567	1,618	1,629	89	5.8%	11	0.7%
Passes (A-C)	1,498	1,521	1,417	1,467	1,483	1,515	17	1.1%	32	2.2%
Pass Rate	97.3%	95.9%	95.1%	93.6%	91.7%	93.0%	-4.3pp	n/a	1.3pp	n/a

National 5	2014 ^a	2015 ^a	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	2,923	3,968	4,417	4,489	4,937	5,122	2,199	75.2%	185	3.7%
Passes (A-C)	2,612	3,559	3,987	4,028	4,442	4,486	1,874	71.7%	44	1.0%
Pass Rate	89.4%	89.7%	90.3%	89.7%	90.0%	87.6%	-1.8pp	n/a	-2.4pp	n/a

Higher	2014 ^b	2015 ^b	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	1,880	2,413	2,600	2,809	2,795	3,054	1,174	62.4%	259	9.3%
Passes (A-C)	1,622	2,073	2,298	2,494	2,338	2,543	921	56.8%	205	8.8%
Pass Rate	86.3%	85.9%	88.4%	88.8%	83.6%	83.3%	-3pp	n/a	-0.4pp	n/a

Advanced Higher	2014 ^c	2015 ^c	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	239	326	480	433	456	469	230	96.2%	13	2.9%
Passes (A-C)	197	256	387	323	342	366	169	85.8%	24	7.0%
Pass Rate	82.4%	78.5%	80.6%	74.6%	75.0%	78.0%	-4.4pp	n/a	3pp	n/a

a. Intermediate 1s and 2s still available

b. 2014 - Previous Higher only, 2015 - Previous Higher and New Higher combined

c. 2014 - 2015 Previous Advanced Higher only

pp = percentage point change

Italian

National 4	2014^a	2015^a	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	105	35	140	74	143	46	-59	-56.2%	-97	-67.8%
Passes (A-C)	104	34	139	70	143	36	-68	-65.4%	-107	-74.8%
Pass Rate	99.0%	97.1%	99.3%	94.6%	100.0%	78.3%	-20.8pp	n/a	-21.7pp	n/a

National 5	2014^a	2015^a	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	231	203	332	241	286	217	-14	-6.1%	-69	-24.1%
Passes (A-C)	208	192	313	227	248	193	-15	-7.2%	-55	-22.2%
Pass Rate	90.0%	94.6%	94.3%	94.2%	86.7%	88.9%	-1.1pp	n/a	2.2pp	n/a

Higher	2014^b	2015^b	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	173	212	220	264	252	221	48	27.7%	-31	-12.3%
Passes (A-C)	158	207	209	241	231	197	39	24.7%	-34	-14.7%
Pass Rate	91.3%	97.6%	95.0%	91.3%	91.7%	89.1%	-2.2pp	n/a	-2.5pp	n/a

Advanced Higher	2014^c	2015^c	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	35	29	22	28	36	27	-8	-22.9%	-9	-25.0%
Passes (A-C)	32	29	20	25	34	23	-9	-28.1%	-11	-32.4%
Pass Rate	91.4%	100.0%	90.9%	89.3%	94.4%	85.2%	-6.2pp	n/a	-9.3pp	n/a

a. Intermediate 1s and 2s still available

b. 2014 - Previous Higher only, 2015 - Previous Higher and New Higher combined

c. 2014 - 2015 Previous Advanced Higher only

pp = percentage point change

Gaelic (learners)

National 4	2014 ^a	2015 ^a	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	85	35	37	34	46	21	-64	-75.3%	-25	-54.3%
Passes (A-C)	85	33	36	32	43	20	-65	-76.5%	-23	-53.5%
Pass Rate	100.0%	94.3%	97.3%	94.1%	93.5%	95.2%	-4.8pp	n/a	1.8pp	n/a

National 5	2014 ^a	2015 ^a	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	163	109	145	115	107	135	-28	-17.2%	28	26.2%
Passes (A-C)	147	97	114	95	91	99	-48	-32.7%	8	8.8%
Pass Rate	90.2%	89.0%	78.6%	82.6%	85.0%	73.3%	-16.9pp	n/a	-11.7pp	n/a

Higher	2014 ^b	2015 ^b	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	103	97	84	69	75	61	-42	-40.8%	-14	-18.7%
Passes (A-C)	88	86	71	56	62	55	-33	-37.5%	-7	-11.3%
Pass Rate	85.4%	88.7%	84.5%	81.2%	82.7%	90.2%	4.7pp	n/a	7.5pp	n/a

Advanced Higher	2014 ^c	2015 ^c	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	20	30	24	9	11	20	0	0.0%	9	81.8%
Passes (A-C)	19	25	21	8	11	17	-2	-10.5%	6	54.5%
Pass Rate	95.0%	83.3%	87.5%	88.9%	100.0%	85.0%	-10pp	n/a	-15pp	n/a

a. Intermediate 1s and 2s still available

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National 4	2014^a	2015^a	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	27	20	21	14	12	11	-16	-59.3%	-1	-8.3%
Passes (A-C)	24	18	17	14	12	11	-13	-54.2%	-1	-8.3%
Pass Rate	88.9%	90.0%	81.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	11.1pp	n/a	0pp	n/a

National 5	2014^a	2015^a	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	175	167	158	151	183	195	20	11.4%	12	6.6%
Passes (A-C)	170	160	152	146	170	179	9	5.3%	9	5.3%
Pass Rate	97.1%	95.8%	96.2%	96.7%	92.9%	91.8%	-5.3pp	n/a	-1.1pp	n/a

Higher	2014^b	2015^b	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	122	48	132	126	130	135	13	10.7%	5	3.8%
Passes (A-C)	109	40	106	102	118	123	14	12.8%	5	4.2%
Pass Rate	89.3%	83.3%	80.3%	81.0%	90.8%	91.1%	1.8pp	n/a	0.3pp	n/a

Advanced Higher	2014^c	2015^c	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	26	38	31	28	30	29	3	11.5%	-1	-3.3%
Passes (A-C)	26	37	28	27	26	27	1	3.8%	1	3.8%
Pass Rate	100.0%	97.4%	90.3%	96.4%	86.7%	93.1%	-6.9pp	n/a	6.4pp	n/a

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Social Studies

Geography

National 4	2014 ^a	2015 ^a	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	4,348	4,327	3,839	3,858	3,578	3,315	-1,033	-23.8%	-263	-7.4%
Passes (A-C)	4,105	4,123	3,623	3,644	3,380	2,952	-1,153	-28.1%	-428	-12.7%
Pass Rate	94.4%	95.3%	94.4%	94.5%	94.5%	89.0%	-5.4pp	n/a	-5.4pp	n/a

National 5	2014 ^a	2015 ^a	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	9,647	11,573	11,018	10,757	9,795	9,793	146	1.5%	-2	0.0%
Passes (A-C)	7,432	9,259	8,855	8,028	6,934	7,029	-403	-5.4%	95	1.4%
Pass Rate	77.0%	80.0%	80.4%	74.6%	70.8%	71.8%	-5.3pp	n/a	1.0pp	n/a

Higher	2014 ^b	2015 ^b	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	8,496	8,234	8,157	7,945	7,329	6,867	-1,629	-19.2%	-462	-6.3%
Passes (A-C)	6,329	6,146	5,959	6,008	5,383	5,195	-1,134	-17.9%	-188	-3.5%
Pass Rate	74.5%	74.6%	73.1%	75.6%	73.4%	75.7%	1.2pp	n/a	2.2pp	n/a

Advanced Higher	2014 ^c	2015 ^c	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	883	914	900	779	803	708	-175	-19.8%	-95	-11.8%
Passes (A-C)	780	839	809	698	717	605	-175	-22.4%	-112	-15.6%
Pass Rate	88.3%	91.8%	89.9%	89.6%	89.3%	85.5%	-2.9pp	n/a	-3.8pp	n/a

a. Intermediate 1s and 2s still available

b. 2014 - Previous Higher only, 2015 - Previous Higher and New Higher combined

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History

National 4	2014^a	2015^a	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	6,027	6,682	6,681	6,211	5,739	5,811	-216	-3.6%	72	1.3%
Passes (A-C)	5,735	6,355	6,357	5,917	5,414	5,279	-456	-8.0%	-135	-2.5%
Pass Rate	95.2%	95.1%	95.2%	95.3%	94.3%	90.8%	-4.3pp	n/a	-3.5pp	n/a

National 5	2014^a	2015^a	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	13,430	15,775	15,943	15,078	14,473	14,735	1,305	9.7%	262	1.8%
Passes (A-C)	11,046	12,249	12,339	11,481	11,260	11,679	633	5.7%	419	3.7%
Pass Rate	82.2%	77.6%	77.4%	76.1%	77.8%	79.3%	-3.0pp	n/a	1.5pp	n/a

Higher	2014^b	2015^b	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	10,881	11,281	11,168	10,760	10,296	9,987	-894	-8.2%	-309	-3.0%
Passes (A-C)	9,309	9,645	9,682	8,888	8,506	7,267	-2,042	-21.9%	-1,239	-14.6%
Pass Rate	85.6%	85.5%	86.7%	82.6%	82.6%	72.8%	-12.8pp	n/a	-9.9pp	n/a

Advanced Higher	2014^c	2015^c	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	1,356	1,515	1,578	1,543	1,525	1,273	-83	-6.1%	-252	-16.5%
Passes (A-C)	1,190	1,308	1,366	1,292	1,250	1,013	-177	-14.9%	-237	-19.0%
Pass Rate	87.8%	86.3%	86.6%	83.7%	82.0%	79.6%	-8.2pp	n/a	-2.4pp	n/a

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Modern Studies

National 4	2014 ^a	2015 ^a	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	4,039	4,353	4,376	4,427	4,296	4,220	181	4.5%	-76	-1.8%
Passes (A-C)	3,793	4,096	4,105	4,162	3,999	3,844	51	1.3%	-155	-3.9%
Pass Rate	93.9%	94.1%	93.8%	94.0%	93.1%	91.1%	-2.8pp	n/a	-2.0pp	n/a

National 5	2014 ^a	2015 ^a	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	9,317	11,524	11,594	12,385	11,867	11,967	2,650	28.4%	100	0.8%
Passes (A-C)	7,526	8,785	8,615	9,415	8,322	8,785	1,259	16.7%	463	5.6%
Pass Rate	80.8%	76.2%	74.3%	76.0%	70.1%	73.4%	-7.4pp	n/a	3.3pp	n/a

Higher	2014 ^b	2015 ^b	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	8,929	9,494	9,851	9,319	9,334	8,653	-276	-3.1%	-681	-7.3%
Passes (A-C)	7,094	6,955	7,243	6,928	7,083	6,577	-517	-7.3%	-506	-7.1%
Pass Rate	79.4%	73.3%	73.5%	74.3%	75.9%	76.0%	-3.4pp	n/a	0.1pp	n/a

Advanced Higher	2014 ^c	2015 ^c	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	785	850	851	861	841	803	18	2.3%	-38	-4.5%
Passes (A-C)	681	704	695	689	657	611	-70	-10.3%	-46	-7.0%
Pass Rate	86.8%	82.8%	81.7%	80.0%	78.1%	76.1%	-10.7pp	n/a	-2.0pp	n/a

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Expressive Arts

Music

National 4	2014 ^a	2015 ^a	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	2,085	1,665	1,326	1,284	1,106	1,242	-843	-40.4%	136	12.3%
Passes (A-C)	1,746	1,407	1,117	1,082	912	952	-794	-45.5%	40	4.4%
Pass Rate	83.7%	84.5%	84.2%	84.3%	82.5%	76.7%	-7.1pp	n/a	-5.8pp	n/a

National 5	2014 ^a	2015 ^a	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	6,945	7,620	7,542	7,344	7,099	7,202	257	3.7%	103	1.5%
Passes (A-C)	6,561	7,243	7,120	6,924	6,735	6,767	206	3.1%	32	0.5%
Pass Rate	94.5%	95.1%	94.4%	94.3%	94.9%	94.0%	-0.5pp	n/a	-0.9pp	n/a

Higher	2014 ^b	2015 ^b	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	5,154	5,189	5,181	5,162	5,061	5,067	-87	-1.7%	6	0.1%
Passes (A-C)	4,808	4,916	4,932	4,938	4,789	4,663	-145	-3.0%	-126	-2.6%
Pass Rate	93.3%	94.7%	95.2%	95.7%	94.6%	92.0%	-1.3pp	n/a	-2.6pp	n/a

Advanced Higher	2014 ^c	2015 ^c	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014-2019		2018-2019	
							change	%change	change	%change
Entries	1,497	1,531	1,675	1,661	1,712	1,698	201	13.4%	-14	-0.8%
Passes (A-C)	1,449	1,466	1,583	1,590	1,607	1,563	114	7.9%	-44	-2.7%
Pass Rate	96.8%	95.8%	94.5%	95.7%	93.9%	92.0%	-4.7pp	n/a	-1.8pp	n/a

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Skills Based Awards

Skills for Work and Personal Development

SCQF Level	2015		2016		2017		2018		2019	
	Passes	Entries	Passes	Entries	Passes	Entries	Passes	Entries	Passes	Entries
Level 1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Level 2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Level 3	35	39	24	32	15	15	7	11	0	13
Level 4	4,374	5,361	3,510	4,218	2,982	3,767	2,855	3,601	2,869	3,698
Level 5	4,406	5,207	4,673	5,372	5,311	6,126	5,702	6,632	6,633	8,023
Level 6	1,165	1,276	306	386	357	433	215	264	160	204
Total	9,980	11,883	8,513	10,008	8,665	10,341	8,779	10,508	9,662	11,938

Awards

SCQF Level	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Level 1	178	207	283	290	386	439
Level 2	301	493	750	1,167	664	1,004
Level 3	2,263	3,205	3,863	4,303	3,937	4,428
Level 4	7,887	9,673	11,391	10,834	9,851	10,292
Level 5	1,514	1,952	2,907	3,662	3,755	5,184
Level 6	801	1,305	2,710	3,523	4,258	5,388
Total	12,944	16,835	21,904	23,779	22,851	26,735

National Certificates

SCQF Level	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Level 1						
Level 2						
Level 3	17	7	18	1	0	7
Level 4	89	273	371	345	213	223
Level 5	2,582	3,219	4,103	2,691	2,450	1,809
Level 6	2,729	3,989	4,920	3,585	3,538	2,834
Total	5,417	7,488	9,412	6,622	6,201	4,873

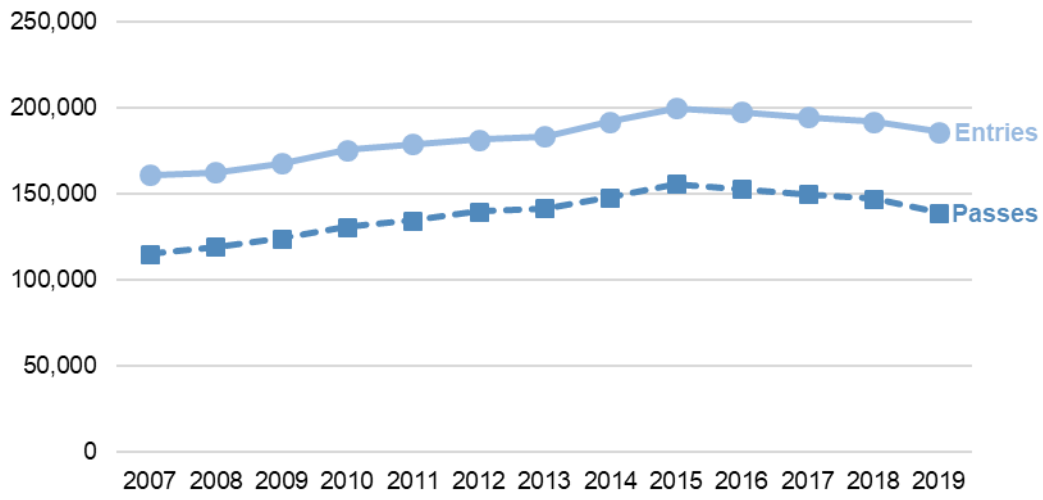
National Progression Awards

SCQF Level	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Level 1						
Level 2	101	64	77	88	121	69
Level 3	161	119	135	177	142	100
Level 4	4,111	4,336	4,958	4,803	4,759	4,371
Level 5	4,206	4,120	4,958	4,395	4,604	5,252
Level 6	701	969	1,611	1,619	2,848	3,344
Total	9,280	9,608	11,739	11,082	12,474	13,136

All Skills based awards (SfW and PD, Awards, NC and NPAs)

SCQF Level	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Level 1	178	207	283	290	386	439
Level 2	460	557	827	1,255	785	1,073
Level 3	2,891	3,366	4,040	4,496	4,086	4,535
Level 4	16,353	18,656	20,230	18,964	17,678	17,755
Level 5	11,905	13,697	16,641	16,059	16,511	18,878
Level 6	5,319	7,428	9,547	9,084	10,859	11,726
Total	37,106	43,911	51,568	50,148	50,305	54,406

Higher trends, 2007 to 2019



Advanced Higher trends, 2007 to 2019

