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Dear Convener

This morning SQA published national appeals report for National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher courses, by subject and SCQF level, by sex, by centre type, and by SIMD quintiles: [SQA publishes additional information on 2023 appeal outcomes](#).

This follows the [publication of the provisional summary of appeals on Tuesday 7 November](#) when learners across the country were also informed of the outcome of their individual appeal requests.

The report published today show that a total 39,660 (7.3%) of the 540,920 certificated grades for National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher were appealed in 2023. In total, 3,980 appeals (10.0%) resulted in an upgrade. Additionally:

- At National 5, 18,025 (5.6%) of the 321,360 certificated grades were appealed;
- At Higher, 19,680 (10.3%) of the 191,810 certificated grades were appealed;
- At Advanced Higher, 1,955 (7.0%) of the 27,750 certificated grades were appealed.

You and parliamentary colleagues on the Education, Children, and Young People Committee can access the full appeal reports on the [statistics pages of our website](#).

Additionally, please note that next week SQA will publish updated National Qualification attainment tables reflecting the changes following the completion of the appeals process. The updated tables will be available from the SQA website from **09:30 on Tuesday 12 December**.

I hope this is a helpful update for you and the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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