

Board of Management Learning & Teaching Committee

Date of Meeting	Tuesday 7 September 2021
Paper No.	LTC1-J
Agenda Item	5.1
Subject of Paper	Academic Appeals
FOISA Status	Disclosable
Primary Contact	Julie McCorkindale
Date of production	24 August 2021
Action	For Noting

1. Recommendations

1.1 For noting - 2020/21 college academic appeals and SQA appeals.

2. Purpose

2.1 The purpose of this paper is to provide an update on 2020/21 academic and SQA appeals to date.

3. Key Insights

3.1 College Appeals

To date, the college has received 9 academic appeals:

- 7 appeals resolved at the informal stage
- 1 appeal progressed to stage 1
- 1 informal appeal remains open

9 appeals received in 2020/2021 compared to 35 appeals received in 2019/20, a reduction of 26 appeals.

Students were advised at the start of the 2020/21 academic session that units could contribute towards their graded unit; it is assumed this has contributed towards the reduction in appeals.

The table below provides a breakdown of 2020/21 appeals received:

Faculty	Informal	Stage 1	Stage 2	Open	Closed
Nautical	2	1			3
Hospitality and Events	2			1	1
Marketing	1				1
Legal Services	1				1
Design	1				1
Accounting and Supply Chain	1				1

Due to students extending and repeating units, appeals may continue into AY 2021/22.

SQA Appeals - National Qualifications

SQA appeals are used if there is disagreement over a certified grade.

All students were advised of their provisional grades before they were submitted to SQA on the 25th June 2021.

SQA offer two appeals services:

- Priority appeals service for students that require their revised results for immediate progression to university, college, or employment. Results to be issued by SQA on the 6th of September 2021.
- Appeals service for students that do not require revised results for progression or employment. Results to be issued by SQA on 16th October 2021.

City of Glasgow College (CoGC) presented 307 students for the following examinations:

- National 5 Applications of Mathematics
- National 5 Practical Electronics
- National 5 ESOL
- Higher English
- Higher Mathematics.

CoGC received 4 appeals in 2020/21:

N5 Application of Mathematics:

- 1 priority appeal
- 1 appeal

Higher ESOL:

- 2 appeals

Evidence was submitted to SQA on the 26th of August 2021 for review. Students with an upheld appeal will receive a replacement SQA certificate by November 2021.