

SQA Assessment Arrangements for National Literacy Units

As of 2013, readers and scribes cannot be used in the National Literacy Units in English and Gàidhlig at Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF) levels 3, 4 and 5.

Exemption from demonstrating any of the four assessed skills of reading, writing, listening or talking is not a reasonable adjustment.

Can you use a Reader and Scribe in Literacy?

No. The Literacy Units focus on four skills: reading; writing with technical accuracy as well as listening and talking. You need to demonstrate these skills as independently as possible.

Are there other supports you can use?

Yes. The grid below shows what support is acceptable in the Literacy units. Using any of these support measures must be because you have an identified additional support need and because it is your normal way of working.

Reading	Writing
Extra time	Extra time
Dictionaries	Dictionaries
Adapted text, including Braille, large print, colour, font size, font style	Voice activated software (assistive technology)
Screen reader	Word processor with spellcheck
Word processor	Transcription without correction
Practical Assistant	Practical Assistant
Prompter	Prompter
Talking	Listening
Extra time	Extra time
Prompter	Prompter
Use of British Sign Language	Use of British Sign Language
Assistive Technology	Assistive Technology
Practical Assistant	Practical Assistant
	Lip reader

Readers and scribes are considered as an assessment arrangement for other subjects.

Can you use a Reader and Scribe in English and/or Gàidhlig?

Yes. However this has to be your normal way of working and your centre has to have evidence of your need for this arrangement. You are not allowed to use a reader and scribe for the literacy component of the qualification.

The specifications on reasonable adjustments in National Qualifications in Scotland can be found at: www.sqa.org.uk/equalityact

