

Principal Assessor Report 2002

Assessment Panel:

Technical Education

Qualification area

**Subject(s) and Level(s)
included in this report**

Technological Studies Standard Grade

Statistical information: update

Number of entries in 2001	
Pre appeal	2741
Post appeal	2739

Number of entries in 2002	
Pre appeal	2664
Post appeal	

General comments re entry numbers

Numbers continue to fall but at a slower rate than in previous years.

General comments

Numbers are in fact up at Credit level but lower at Foundation. This is probably due to the introduction of the revised course which was originally due to start this year.

Grade boundaries at C, B and A for each subject area included in the report

Cut off Scores

KU	TC
1 – 35	1 – 32
2 – 24	2 – 24
3 – 32	3 – 25
4 – 24	4 – 21
5 – 24	5 – 21
6 – 18	6 – 15

Comments on grade boundaries for each subject area

Cut off scores broadly in line with previous years.

Comments on candidate performance

General comments

Candidates appeared to be well prepared with a number of candidates scoring high marks in the credit paper. The General paper was answered well by most candidates. Fewer really poor candidates at Foundation.

Areas of external assessment in which candidates performed well

Calculations are better attempted than was the case some years ago.

Areas of external assessment in which candidates had difficulty

Few candidates had knowledge of Diaphragm valves in Q3d Credit.

Areas of common misunderstanding

A surprising number of candidates did not name the logic gate used in Q2a Credit and as a result lost 3 marks.

Recommendations

Feedback to centres

Nothing in particular especially as this is the last year of current arrangements.