

Principal Assessor Report 2003

Assessment Panel:

Personal and Social Education

Qualification area:

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

Social and vocational Skills Standard Grade
Foundation, General and Credit

Statistical information: update

Number of entries in 2002	
Pre appeal	3,174
Post appeal	3,150

Number of entries in 2003	
Pre appeal	3,133

General comments re entry numbers

Numbers remain steady. More centres are presenting across Scotland.

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

Grade 1	44	Credit	64.7% of the available marks
Grade 2	32	Credit	47.1% of the available marks
Grade 3	41	General	70.7% of the available marks
Grade 4	25	General	43.1% of the available marks
Grade 5	37	Foundation	69.8% of the available marks
Grade 6	21	Foundation	39.6% of the available marks

Comments on grade boundaries for each subject area

Grade 1 candidates were particularly well prepared and were a very high standard.

Comments on candidate performance

General comments

The majority of candidates were well prepared and presented at the correct level.
Grade 1 candidates were of a particularly high calibre.

Areas of external assessment in which candidates performed well

Foundation — memo, alphabetical ordering and the train timetable
General — question 2, make an item experience (flower pots)
Credit — question 4, designing a survey form

The best candidates were extremely confident in their responses to questions and where appropriate in their layout of answers

Areas of external assessment in which candidates had difficulty

Not reading questions correctly
Not using headings at Credit level
Question 4 at General level was poorly attempted, lack of understanding of the Countryside Code

Recommendations

Feedback to centres

Remind candidates about including headings and using a new page for each answer at Credit level.

Read questions carefully, answer what is asked not what the individual thinks is asked.

Careful use of calculators.