

Moderation Feedback — Visiting

Assessment Panel:	Construction Technician Construction Craft
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Qualification area: **Construction**

Subject(s) and Level(s) Included in this report	161 Construction 163 Surveying 164 Construction Engineering SCQF 4 Intermediate 1/SVQ 1 5 Intermediate 2/SVQ 2 6 Higher/SVQ 3 7 HNC 8 HND/SVQ 4
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Visiting Moderation

General comments on central moderation activity

The level of visiting moderation was significantly increased in 2002-2003. 20 centre visits, plus one return visit, was carried out, compared to 7 visits in the previous year. The distribution of moderation visits across provision is shown below.

<u>Provision</u>	<u>Moderation Group</u>		
	161-Construction	163-Surveying	164-Construction Engineering
SVQ Level 1	1	0	0
SVQ Level 2	0	0	0
SVQ Level ¾	0	0	0
NQ Units	1	0	0
HNC/HND	7	7 (+ 1)	4
Total	9	8	4

It will be noted from the table that most of the moderation was for HN provision.

Visits to UHI for groups 161 and 163 involved four colleges.

The results of external moderation were reasonable, although there were a substantial number of HN units for which results were not accepted. This was to be expected, since there has been very little HN moderation over the past few years. Moderators are agreed that standards of assessment and internal moderation have slipped. Centres experienced a rapid movement in staff, and many assessors and internal moderators are clearly unfamiliar with SQA requirements and procedures. The table below shows the results of HN unit moderation.

	<u>Moderation Group</u>		
	161	163	164
Number of units 'not accepted'	8	3	6
Number of centres affected	1 (2 colleges)	2	3

Specific issues identified

No major issues were identified.

There is a problem at some centres with the availability of candidate evidence, in cases where the completion date is past or imminent, but the delivery dates do not correspond to the commencement and completion dates initially indicated.

For one visit, the centre had some difficulty identifying which units fell within each moderation group. If there are system failures, staff are left with no paper-based information (see recommendations).

Feedback to centres

Prior to moderation visits, centres should ensure that all necessary documentation is available for the commencement of the visit. If documentation, including candidate evidence, is not available, a satisfactory explanation should be provided to the moderator.