

## Moderation Feedback - Central

**Assessment Panel:**

**Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies**

**Qualification area**

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

**RMPS  
Intermediate 1 and 2, Higher, Advanced Higher**

## Central Moderation

### General comments on central moderation activity

Central moderation included evidence at:

Intermediate 1 and 2

Higher

Advanced Higher

There was a wide range of schools selected for moderation, including some which had difficulties in previous moderation.

The range of subject choice is not as varied:

World Religions — Buddhism remains the largest choice at Higher and Intermediate 2.

Making Moral Decisions (MMD) — Human Rights remains the largest choice at Intermediate 1 and 2.

### Specific issues identified

A number of issues were identified throughout the moderation process:

- ◆ A lack of rigorous application of sources, and in some centres no sources used at all within the evidence.
- ◆ Difference between remediation and reassessment, some candidates being asked to complete new assessments when only minimal remediation was required.
- ◆ Submission of two pieces of assessment when only one is required — MMD Intermediate 1.
- ◆ Submission of one piece of evidence in the Higher World Religions Unit when two pieces are required. This leads to non-acceptance of the evidence.

## Feedback to centres

- ◆ Overall, the standard of evidence has improved and there is greater confidence expressed by teachers in their assessment and marking guidelines. Expectations are higher and a more holistic writing of response, rather than a trained criterion-based response, has been seen.
- ◆ Improved confidence in the candidates to express knowledge and understanding plus a much improved use of analysis and evaluation skills which had been absent in previous moderations.
- ◆ Include marking schemes with submissions.
- ◆ Complete paperwork according to the issued instructions, particularly the Sample Form Results. It should be down to the Moderator to decide if a candidate has passed or failed and at what level.
- ◆ Some centres had incomplete evidence, yet had finishing dates of March 2004 and moderation takes place in April.
- ◆ Overall more successful and improved submissions.