

## Moderation Feedback - Visiting

**Assessment Panel:**

**Physical Education**

**Qualification area**

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

**Physical Education : Performance (National  
Qualifications) – Advanced Higher, Higher,  
Intermediate 2, Intermediate 1.  
Practical Performance (Standard grade) – Credit,  
General, Foundation.**

## Visiting Moderation

### General comments on visiting moderation activity

The Moderation Exercise for National Qualifications Courses and Standard Grade has been very successful this year. In the main, teachers/centres are fully conversant with the assessment criteria for Performance/Practical Performance and with the procedures for visiting moderation thus ensuring a successful moderation.

In general, the standard of Performance/Practical Performance of candidates is high. The majority of candidates undertaking National Qualifications are performing at Higher level with, in addition, a significant number performing at Advanced Higher level. Similarly the vast majority of Standard Grade candidates are performing at Credit to General 3 levels.

### Specific issues identified

A number of issues have arisen from this year's moderation exercise :

- ◆ Centres in the main are now comfortable with applying the full range of marks across all levels including Advanced Higher.
- ◆ Centres are making greater use of the video case studies exemplifying the national standards for Performance over a range of activities. However there are exceptions and continued emphasis of the need for centres to apply these standards is required by SQA and visiting moderators.
- ◆ The administration and organizational arrangements carried out by SQA staff in support of the moderation process have been excellent and few, if any, problems have arisen.
- ◆ The training day, held at St. Columba's High School, Dunfermline ran very smoothly and covered all aspects of the process. In particular the video exercise in the afternoon session was deemed to very helpful.
- ◆ The importance of the "professional discussion" between the visiting moderator and school moderator at the end of the moderation visit continues to be emphasised by moderators. The staff development aspect of this is of great benefit to teachers in schools and visiting moderators.
- ◆ The moderation of Standard Grade in 39 centres was very successful and no problems were reported. However, there is a very strong groundswell of opinion amongst moderators and the wider PE profession of the need to review the moderation process for Standard Grade and to bring it in line with the procedures for National Qualifications.

## **Feedback to centres**

Feedback to centres undergoing moderation is provided as part of the moderation visit/process.