

Moderation Feedback — Visiting

Assessment Panel:

Technical Education

Qualification area:

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

Craft and Design – Standard Grade

Visiting Moderation

General comments on visiting moderation activity

All of Centres visited in this years Moderation exercise were within the limits of acceptability although it was apparent from the Moderators reports that a number of Centres could have been classed as borderline. The majority of Centres had not been moderated at Standard Grade for some time and this appeared to be the main reason for the discrepancies encountered by the visiting Moderators. It was heartening to see that the Moderators had been well received by the Centres and indeed a number had welcomed the opportunity to confirm that they were within the boundaries of the EGRC guidelines. Comments were also made about how good it was to have the chance to liaise with the Moderators on how they could address their shortcomings.

Specific issues identified

- ◆ A number of Centres failed to utilize the criteria contained within the EGRC and consequently did not properly apply the appropriate standard to some of their candidates in one or both elements.
- ◆ A few Centres had entered a grade 8 against some candidates. This grade is not allowable; the lowest grade which may be legitimately entered is a grade 7. To quote from the Standard Grade Instructions, 'where a grade 7 has been assigned, this will be taken as an indication that the candidate has, for the element concerned, completed the course but has not demonstrated achievement of any specified GRC level of performance'. It should be noted that evidence of achievement may be taken from the work the candidate produced in S3.
- ◆ Some Centres had failed to retain their candidates work and consequently had trouble retrieving it and, on one occasion, a Centre had to substitute another candidate's work for one whose work could not be recovered.

Feedback to centres

- ◆ Before beginning the process of Internal Moderation Centres, regardless of how familiar they think they are with Standard Grade, should always re-visit the EGRC in order to familiarize themselves with the criteria.
- ◆ Grade 8s should not be used.
- ◆ Evidence of performance can be gleaned from work achieved in S3.