

## Moderation Summary Report

### Subject: Environmental Science Level: National 5

This report summarises the context for moderation of the estimates received for this course, ie, historic attainment, the 2020 Starting Point Distributions and 2020 Estimates. It also provides the key outcomes of the moderation process for this course.

Full details of the moderation approach and the Attainment Statistics (August) 2020 can be found on SQA's statistics page (<https://www.sqa.org.uk/statistics>)<sup>1</sup>.

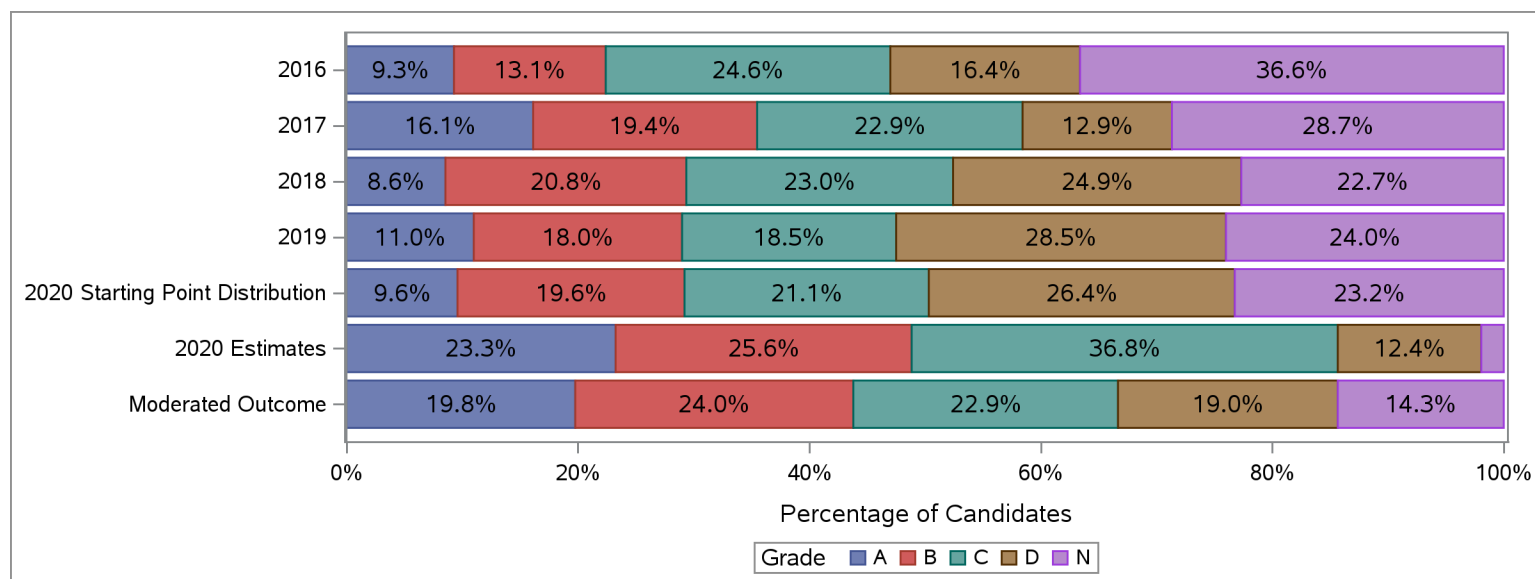
Furthermore, where small numbers of entries (values less than 5) could risk identification of individuals, those numbers and associated percentages have been suppressed in the tables below with an asterisk.

#### Historic Attainment, Starting Point Distribution, Estimates Received and Moderated Outcome

The table and chart below show:

- (a) historic attainment by grade for this course for years 2016 to 2019;
- (b) the Starting Point Distribution, which provides a projected distribution for 2020 attainment for this course, based on quantitative and qualitative analyses by SQA;
- (c) the distribution of 2020 estimates received from centres for this course (pre moderation); and
- (d) the distribution of grades after the moderation process.

National 5 : Environmental Science	Grade						Total	Grade					
	A	B	C	D	N	A		B	C	D	N	Total	
	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	%		%	%	%	%	%	
2016	17	24	45	30	67	183	9.3	13.1	24.6	16.4	36.6	100.0	
2017	45	54	64	36	80	279	16.1	19.4	22.9	12.9	28.7	100.0	
2018	23	56	62	67	61	269	8.6	20.8	23.0	24.9	22.7	100.0	
2019	22	36	37	57	48	200	11.0	18.0	18.5	28.5	24.0	100.0	
2020 Starting Point Distribution	25	51	54	68	60	258	9.6	19.6	21.1	26.4	23.2	100.0	
2020 Estimates	60	66	95	32	*	258	23.3	25.6	36.8	12.4	1.9	100.0	
Moderated Outcome	51	62	59	49	37	258	19.8	24.0	22.9	19.0	14.3	100.0	



<sup>1</sup>Some of the figures in this summary report may differ slightly to figures in the Attainment Statistics (August) 2020 publication. This is because the the Attainment Statistics (August) 2020 publication excludes those candidates who were removed after the moderation process, including candidates who have subsequently been withdrawn by their presenting centre.





### Centre Moderation Summary

As detailed in the SQA National Qualifications 2020 Awarding – Methodology Report, the moderation was undertaken at centre level. SQA did not adjust estimates for new centres presenting on this course, as there was no historical evidence on which to base adjustment. The table below provides key summary information about the centre moderation process and outcomes for this course.

Moderation Summary	Number	Percentage of Total
Entries for this course	258	100.0%
Centres presenting for this course	35	100.0%
New Centres	6	17.1%
Entries from New Centres	48	18.6%
Highest Entries Presented by a Centre	29	.
Median Entries Presented by Centres	7	.
Lowest Entries Presented by a Centre	1	.
Centres Adjusted	23	65.7%
Centres Not Adjusted	12	34.3%
Entries Adjusted	104	40.3%
Entries Adjusted Down	97	37.6%
Entries Adjusted Up	7	2.7%
Entries Adjusted Down by One Grade	84	32.6%
Entries Adjusted Up by One Grade	7	2.7%
Entries Adjusted Down by Two Grades	13	5.0%
Entries Adjusted Up by Two Grades	*	*
Entries Adjusted Down by Three Grades	*	*
Entries Adjusted Up by Three Grades	*	*
Entries Adjusted Down by Four Grades	*	*
Entries Adjusted Up by Four Grades	*	*
Entries Adjusted from A-C to D	39	15.1%
Entries Adjusted from A-C to N	11	4.3%
Entries Adjusted from D to A-C	*	*
Entries Adjusted from N to A-C	*	*