Quality assurance of marking during the exam diet

Workshop aims

- to increase understanding of SQA's quality assurance during the exam diet
- to consider questions that may arise in centre about exam diet QA

The diet in numbers

Number of candidates that received certificates in 2018?
135,000

Number of question papers marked in 2018?
758,000

Total number of marker teams in 2018?
+ 275

Number of markers in 2018?
8000

Share your experiences…

When do/might discussions arise about marking processes?

What sorts of questions/issues are raised?

What would it be useful to know to support these discussions?

Marking Models

Traditional

Traditional at home

Central Marking

E-marking

Marking from Image (MFI)

Marking from Paper (MFP)

Central Marking

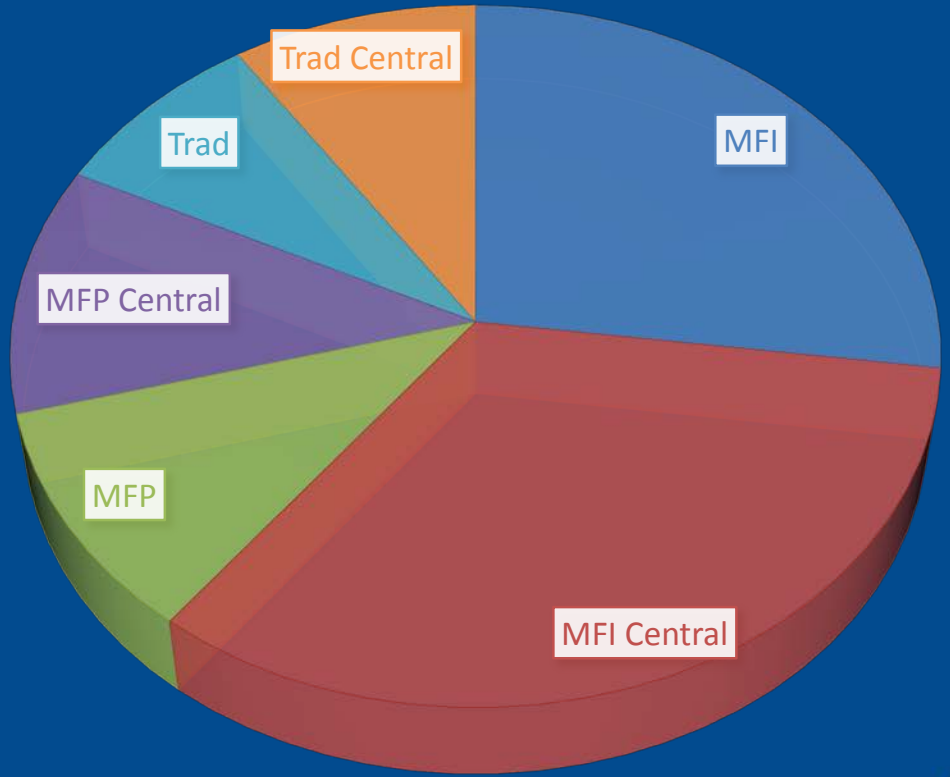
COMPONENTS BY MARKING TYPE

Traditional as a whole (home and central)

20%

E-marking as a whole (MFI, MFP & Central)

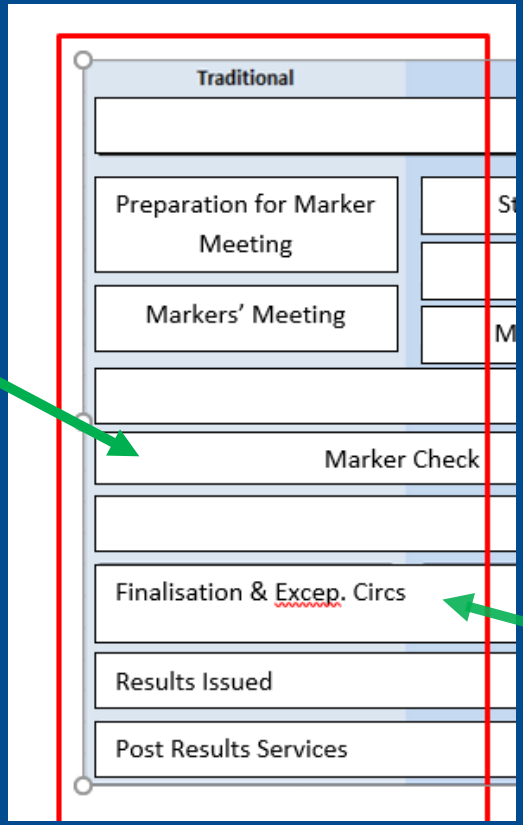
80%



Traditional	MFP	MFI	Central
Examinations			
Preparation for Marker Meeting	Standardisation preparation and event		Preparation for marking
Markers' Meeting	Markers' briefing		
	Marker Practice and Qualification stage		
Marking period			
Marker Check			
Grade boundaries set			
Finalisation & Exceptional Circumstances		Exceptional Circumstances	
Results Issued			
Post Results Services			

Traditional Marking
Quality Assurance Overview

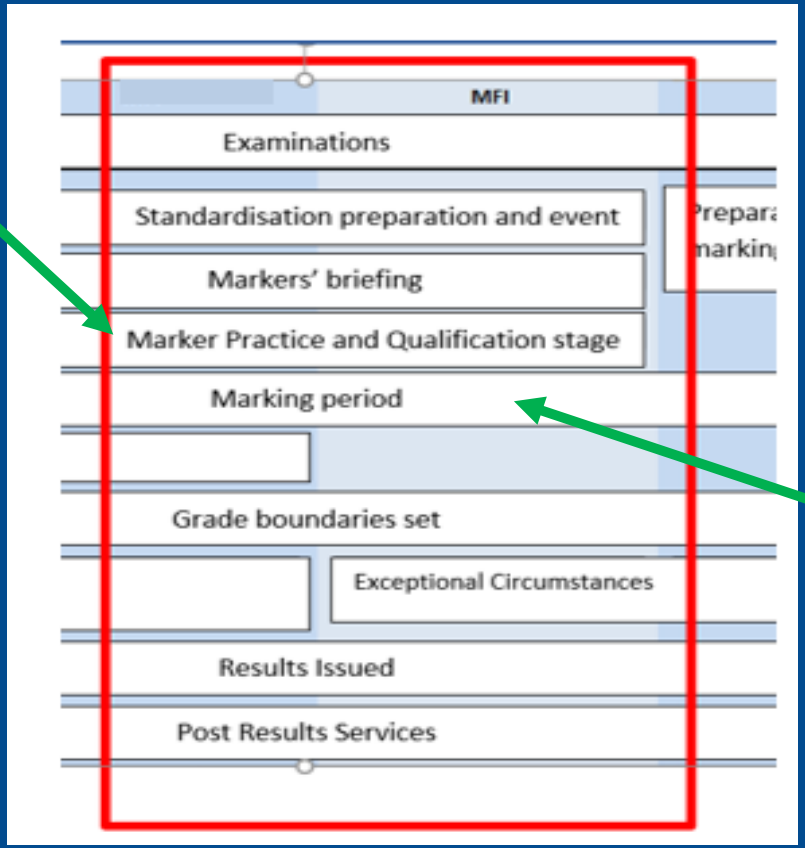
QA is ‘end loaded’. Senior team will sample every marker and identify any scripts for review again later



Scripts are prioritised for review at Finalisation - based on the findings at marker check. Finalisation allows marks to be checked

E-marking – Marking from Image Quality Assurance Overview

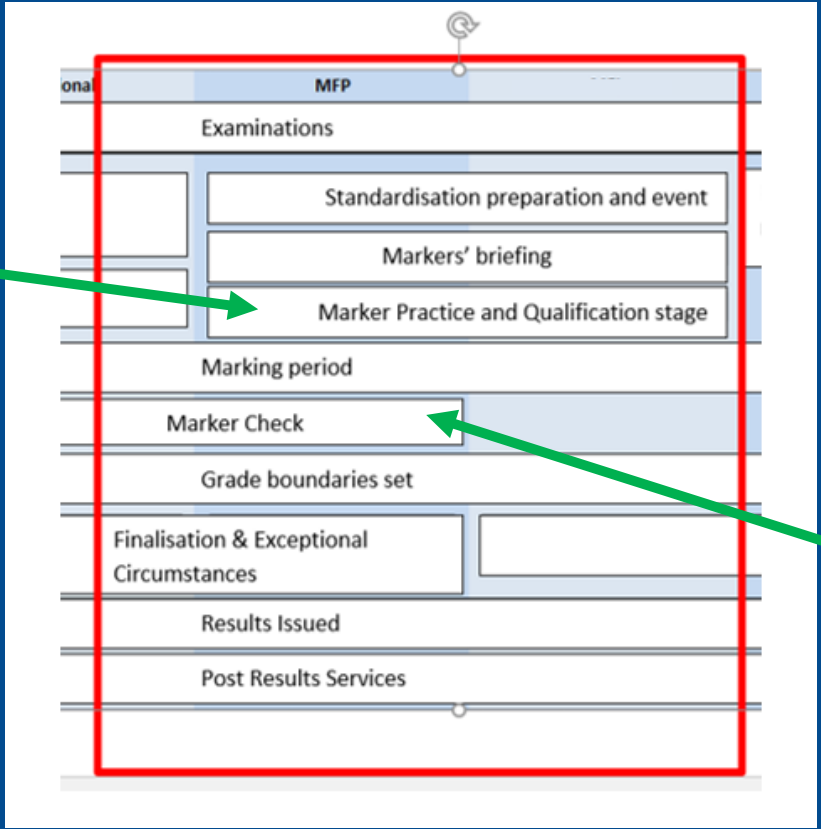
Markers must pass a ‘qualification’ stage before live marking. This is a crucial step in the QA process



Robust QA is built in to the marking period using a combination of manual and seeded sampling

E-marking – Marking from Paper
Quality Assurance Overview

Like MFI, Markers must pass the 'qualification' stage before they are approved to mark



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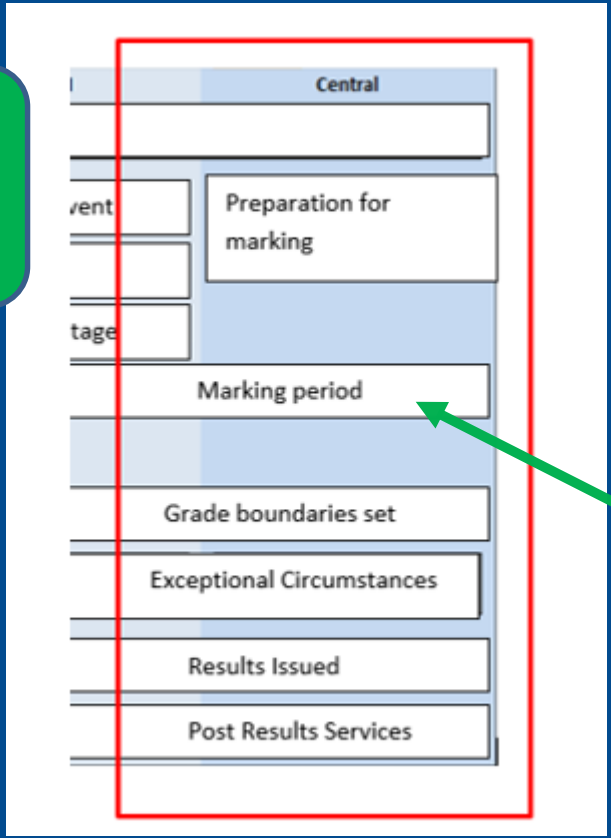
Central Marking
Quality Assurance Overview

All variations of central marking are used – traditional paper scripts, MFI and MFP



Robust QA is built in to the marking period through discussion before and during the event, and through manual sampling throughout.

Closing Discussion

Think back to the questions/issues identified at the beginning.

- How would you respond to or lead discussion in centre?
- Is there any other information you would like us to make available after today?

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