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Notice to Centres

Moderation arrangements for controlled assessment of Speaking in GCSE Modern Foreign Languages from 2010

Most GCSE specifications in Modern Foreign Languages for first teaching in September 2009 examine Speaking by means of controlled assessment marked by the teacher and moderated by the awarding body. In all of these specifications candidates are required to undertake two tasks for assessment.

In order to reduce the burden on centres, the awarding bodies have agreed with Ofqual and QCDA that centres need to make a recording of only one of the two tasks for each candidate. Moderation (and adjustments to a centre's marking, if they are necessary) will be based on the evidence from this one recorded task.

If a centre has made recordings of both of the tasks submitted by some or all candidates, they will normally be required to designate one as the recorded task. Only this task will be eligible for selection as part of the moderation sample. Centres should consult their own awarding body's instructions for further details.

Although only the recorded tasks will be moderated, awarding bodies will monitor centres' marking of both the recorded and unrecorded tasks. Where the average difference between the two sets of marks is significant, awarding bodies will require centres to provide an explanation. In addition, awarding bodies reserve the right to arrange for a moderator to visit a centre to monitor the standards of marking. Ultimately awarding bodies reserve the right to require centres to record *both* tasks submitted by each candidate in a subsequent year.