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Notice to Centres

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

GCSE specifications in most modern foreign languages 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 agreed with Ofqual and QCDA in 2009 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) is based on the evidence from this one recorded task.

Centres which have made recordings of both of the tasks submitted by some or all candidates are normally 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.

Awarding bodies will monitor centres' marking of both the recorded and unrecorded tasks. Centres may be asked to account for significant differences between the two sets of marks. 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.

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