

2008 Examination Scrutiny Reports

Background

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Regulatory scrutiny of CCEA GCE, GCSE and AEA awards is carried out by Ofqual on behalf of CCEA on an annual basis. Regulatory scrutiny differs from monitoring in that it focuses on the detail of particular subjects, whereas monitoring focuses on a particular aspect of the examinations process across a range of subjects. The scrutiny teams, normally consisting of four members, observe proceedings at examinations meetings, such as marking conferences, moderator briefings and awarding meetings. In addition, the teams give consideration to question paper production, mark schemes and candidate scripts. The scrutiny is undertaken to ensure that all procedures used are in line with the requirements of the Code of Practice.

In 2008 the following examination was scrutinised:

- GCSE Physical Education

Findings

Following scrutiny, Ofqual produce a report detailing outcomes of processes observed and make recommendations, as appropriate. This is forwarded to the Regulatory side of CCEA for follow-up with the Awarding Body side. On receipt of the reports the Awarding Body side is required to produce an action plan for implementation of the recommendations made. This is agreed with the Business Assurance Unit acting in a regulatory capacity. The improvement plan is subject to monitoring to ensure implementation.

Outcomes of June 2008 Scrutiny Exercise

Recommendations from June 2008 Scrutiny exercise	
Subjects	Number of Recommendations
1. GCSE Physical Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 recommendation made for implementation in 2009• 3 recommendations made for implementation in 2010