

EXTERNAL EXAMINING OF YOUR PROGRAMME OF STUDY

(Edexcel Programmes)

What is external examination?

External examination is the form of standards verification undertaken for BTEC programmes at Level 4-7. Standards verification is how Pearson/Edexcel check that the college is operating quality assurance and assessing to national standards. External examination relates to centres operating programmes in the manner associated with higher education or qualifications in a professional context.

Why Pearson/Edexcel do it:

Pearson/Edexcel undertake external examination to ensure reliability of assessment across all BTEC Level 4-7 centres, and to:

- provide a thorough review of assessment and verification
- ensure that correct processes and procedures are being applied, consistent with qualifications at higher levels
- encourage the college to continue to deliver best practice in vocational assessment
- provide a detailed report on verification and assessment practice for the relevant programme sector.

How Pearson/Edexcel do it:

Pearson/Edexcel allocate a subject-specific expert to a programme sector to conduct sampling of assessed student work and provide judgements and feedback. The Standards Verifier for External Examination (EE) will work with the college to support us in identifying good practice and areas for further development, giving guidance on how we can improve our delivery.

If you wish to read previous external examiner of reports for your prospective programme, then please contact our HE Information Officer on 01322 629580 or he@northkent.ac.uk