Level 2 Dissertation Moderation

Dissertations are not blind double marked. Instead the role of the moderator will be to *check on standards of assessment by review of the dissertation* followed by a brief meeting with the first marker to either, confirm the first mark, or discuss an agreed mark. The moderator’s dissertation mark sheet will not have to be filled in or submitted.

This process can have several outcomes:

1. Agreement with the first marker’s assessment.
2. Award of a different mark, mutually negotiated between the 2 markers, which differs by no more than 10% from the mark originally awarded by the first marker.
3. Award of a different mark, mutually negotiated between the 2 markers, which differs by greater than 10% (either higher or lower) from the mark originally awarded by the first marker. A clear justification for the negotiated mark should be written on the mark sheet.
4. Where a mark cannot be agreed, the dissertation will be assessed independently by a 3rd marker. This mark will be binding. The 3rd marker will be selected by the first marker on basis of expertise in the relevant field and should have experience of marking level 2 dissertations.

In cases 1-3 above, the 2nd marker will print and sign their name on the first marker’s form indicating that review and moderation has taken place.

The student identity should remain unknown to both the first and second marker.

On completion of the marking process the first marker should keep a photocopy of the mark sheet in order to provide feedback to their advisees. Marks **CAN BE** released to the students when giving feedback.

**All comments and marks on Grademark and signed mark sheets must be returned to the Assessment and Progression Office, G581, Stopford Building, by Tuesday 24th April 2018.**