Administrative Support Guide
(Previously Centre Guidance)

Pearson Edexcel Level 3
A Level GCE in Art and Design

Art, Craft and Design  9AD0
Fine Art  9FA0
Graphic Communication 9GC0
Three-dimensional Design 9TD0
Textile Design 9TE0
Photography  9PY0

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This guidance document contains information outlining processes, procedures and requirements related to the moderation of GCE A Level Art and Design.

Please also reference the A level Art and Design homepage for information.
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1. Introduction


**Visiting moderation** will be offered to all **UK centres** in Summer 2024. **International centres** will have the option of **Visiting moderation** or **Digital Submission**.

**International centres** which opt for digital moderation will be required to submit candidate evidence digitally via our online assessment platform, Learner Work Transfer (LWT) platform.

A guidance document for digital submission is available on our [subject page](https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/).
## 2. Key Dates and Events

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<td>9AD0/02 – Externally Set Assignment released on Pearson Edexcel website</td>
<td>1 February 2024</td>
<td>Secure content – Edexcel Online password required</td>
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<tr>
<td>Despatch of Component 2 Externally Set Assignment</td>
<td>Throughout last week of January 2024</td>
<td>If not received by second week of February, please ensure that estimated/actual entries have been submitted</td>
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<td>Date of Distribution of Externally Set Assignment to candidates</td>
<td>Please see section 4</td>
<td>ESA may be given to candidates as soon as it is released. It should be given to candidates at the beginning of the preparatory period</td>
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<td>Submission of Application form Centre Consortium Arrangements for Centre-assessed Work</td>
<td>31 January 2024</td>
<td>If the form is not received prior to this date, different moderators may be allocated to the consortium centres</td>
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<td>Actual Entries deadline</td>
<td>21 February 2024</td>
<td>Late fees may be charged after this date</td>
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<td>Mark submission made available to centres on Edexcel Online</td>
<td>April 2024</td>
<td>Actual entries must be made by 21 February to ensure candidates are made available for online mark submission</td>
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<td>Visiting moderator to make contact with centre</td>
<td>Late April / early May 2024</td>
<td>Contact will be made directly with centres to arrange date/time of the visit</td>
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<td>Marking of work, completion of assessment documentation, online mark submission to Pearson Edexcel</td>
<td>2 days prior to the moderation visit or 31 May 2024 (digital moderation - international centres only)</td>
<td>A final mark for each candidate, for each Component, must be submitted to Pearson Edexcel via Edexcel Online/via EDI</td>
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<td>Digital submission deadline (via LWT)</td>
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<td><em>International centres which opt for digital moderation</em> - Candidate work must be submitted digitally via Learner Work Transfer (through Edexcel Online)</td>
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<td>Visiting moderation period</td>
<td>15 May – 28 June 2024</td>
<td>Centre visit must take place within the moderation period</td>
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<td>GCE Results day</td>
<td>15 August 2024</td>
<td>Release of results to candidates. Restricted release of results to centres only on 14 August 2024</td>
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<td>Review of Moderation (RoM) deadline</td>
<td>TBC</td>
<td>Last date for receipt by Pearson Edexcel of Review of Moderation applications</td>
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<td>Retention of work</td>
<td>TBC</td>
<td>All sampled candidates’ work must be retained by the centre until the RoM deadline has passed. Requests for RoMs cannot be accepted if work for all sampled candidates is not available.</td>
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3. General Information

It is essential that centres ensure that their candidates are entered for all the relevant units and titles.

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<td>9PY0 Photography</td>
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**National KS5 Discount codes**

Centres should be aware that students who enter for more than one GCE qualification with the same KS5 Discount code will have only one grade (the highest) counted for the purpose of the School and College Performance Tables.

The GCE Art and Design KS5 Discount codes for the different titles can be found in Appendix 3 of the specification.

When two (or more) level 3 qualifications are known to have the same discount code and belong to the same discounting family, the following principles are applied to determine which one(s) is(are) discounted.

a). Where a student has entered qualifications of different sizes and passed the larger qualification, the larger qualification is counted since it incorporates the smaller (e.g. has modules or units in common). The smaller qualification is not counted (even if the larger qualification has less points). For example, where a student has gained an AS en route to an A level, in the same subject, only the A level result will count.

b). Where a student has failed to pass a larger qualification but passed a smaller qualification, passes in smaller qualifications will be selected for point score, while the size of the larger qualification will be selected for the size of entry. For example, if a student gained an AS level but fails to obtain a pass grade at A level, the point score for AS level would be selected as the point score for the subject, while the size of entry to the subject would be equivalent to one A level.

c). Where a student has more than one qualification of the same size, credit will be given to the one with the highest point score. 1 This also applies where a student has taken a legacy AS qualification and a reformed A level qualification with the same discount code.

d). If there are still two or more qualifications that could be counted one is selected randomly; however, please also see DfE paragraph on Discounting for A level cohort indicators.
Candidates who have any doubts about their subject combinations should check with the institution to which they wish to progress before embarking on their programmes.

Candidates may enter for more than one title in the same examination series. A full submission of work will be required for each title.

New specification A level is a stand-alone qualification. From 2021 AS Art and Design qualification is no longer offered.

The requirement is that 100% of the assessments must be taken at the end of the course i.e. in the examination series in which the qualification is awarded and the results from these assessments used. Personal Investigation Components can be improved upon and re-submitted, but the Externally Set Assignment Components have to be re-sat as the theme changes each year.

These specifications are not available to private candidates.

Art, Craft and Design title

Candidates entering for the Art, Craft and Design title are required to submit evidence covering two or more of the disciplines (from different titles) in Component 1.

Titles

To qualify for all titles, candidates must satisfy the requirements as defined in the specification and must do so predominantly through the media and practices of their chosen specialism. However, a candidate entered for the Textile Design title for example, (working predominantly with textiles) might also submit some photographs, using photography as a tool to address issues through the eyes of a textile artist.

This applies to all Components.

Although candidates entering for all titles will be expected to show evidence of the skills and understanding relating to their chosen specialisms in Component 1 and 2, these Components may also carry evidence of general knowledge in terms of Art and Design.

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<td>9AD0/01 - 9PY0/01</td>
<td>Component 1</td>
<td>60% of A Level</td>
<td>Internally set Internally marked Externally moderated</td>
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<td>9AD0/02 - 9PY0/02</td>
<td>Component 2</td>
<td>40% of A Level</td>
<td>Externally set Internally marked Externally moderated 15 hours timed examination</td>
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4. Externally Set Assignment (Component 2)

The A Level Externally Set Assignment will be made available on 1 February 2024. The paper will also be available on the website (http://qualifications.pearson.com) as secure content. Centres should use the following guidance to help them access the assignments.

What is secure content?

‘Secure content’ is the phrase we use for any document (PDF, Word etc) or page on the website to which access is restricted. In order to access secure content, you will need an Edexcel Online username and password. Only staff in centres that are running a particular Pearson Edexcel qualification will be able to view secure content for that qualification. For example, a secure GCE Art and Design document will only be available to staff from a centre that offers this qualification.

How do I get a username and password in order to access secure content?

If you already have an Edexcel Online account, you can use your existing name and password to access secure content. If you do not have an Edexcel Online account, you will need to consult your Exams Officer. Your Exams Officer can set up access for you. Please do not contact Pearson Edexcel directly to request an account.

What does my Exams Officer need?

The Exams Officer will require an Edexcel Online account.

How does my Exams Officer give teachers access to secure content relevant to the GCE Art and Design externally set assignments?

When an Edexcel Online Administrator (your Exams Officer) sets up a new user in Edexcel Online, s/he will be asked to specify what level of access the new user needs by ticking the appropriate user profile boxes. This ensures that users are only able to access appropriate screens within the service.
You only need a username and password to access the secure content. You do not need any of the user profiles offered just to access the secure content.

What do I do after my Exams Officer has given me a username and password?

Once you have these, you can access the secure content protected externally set assignments from the GCE Art and Design page on the Pearson Edexcel website. Do not try to access via Edexcel Online.

Who do I contact if I have a problem?

Please contact the Pearson Edexcel Online Support team: 020 7010 2181
5. Examination Conditions

The Externally Set Assignment (ESA) will be released on 1 February of each year for A Level Component 2. The timed examination is 15 hours of sustained focus.

During the preparatory period – which has no set time period and should be decided by the teacher-examiner – candidates will be expected to investigate a wide range of work and sources.

The timed examination must be sat, the work assessed by the teacher-examiner and the marks submitted to Pearson Edexcel at least 48 hours prior to the moderation visit (for centres having a visiting moderator) and by 31 May (for centres submitting work digitally via LWT to Pearson Edexcel for moderation).

The preparatory supporting studies and the timed examination work must be discrete entities.

The preparatory supporting studies and the timed examination work must be separately identified but will be considered as a whole in order to arrive at a mark for the Externally Set Assignment. Marks will be awarded based on the extent to which the Assessment Objectives have been met across the entire submission for the Externally Set Assignment. The preparatory supporting studies will be as important as the timed examination work in meeting the Assessment Objectives and as such in gaining marks.

Centres must ensure that suitable art room accommodation is available for the timed examination and that candidates are able to work with equipment and materials to which they are normally accustomed, as far as permitted by the examination regulations.

Candidates entering for more than one specification title must produce separate submissions of work for the Externally Set Assignments. They must be permitted the full time allowed for each specification entered.

All materials must be supplied by the centre. Pearson Edexcel will not supply paper for the use of candidates in the Art and Design examination.

Pearson Edexcel's regulations require that all persons except members of staff acting as invigilators, or other authorised members of staff, and the candidates actually engaged in each examination shall be excluded from the examination room.

Pearson Edexcel recommends that the timed examination should normally be invigilated by an Art and Design teacher. However, as the Art and Design teacher may be additional invigilators should be deployed at the exams officer’s discretion to ensure the supervision of candidates is maintained at all times.

The work done by the candidates during the timed examination period should be unaided and carried out under examination conditions, that is, with the absence of unnecessary noise and movement and with conversation limited to essential
requests such as those relating to materials and equipment. Candidates are not permitted to listen to music.

There are some cases where candidates may require technical assistance which may be given by teachers. The following are examples of the technical assistance which may properly be given:

a) the welding of an armature for a figure, the candidate having determined the proportions and disposition of the components.

b) the selection of the type of dye to be used on a particular material, but not the colour. It should however be noted that candidates who offer printmaking in any form will be expected to carry out all necessary processes themselves without the teacher’s aid.

c) the loading of the kiln and the firing of the ware (the latter is in any case not included in the time allowance) but not the preparation of the clay and the shaping or throwing of the ware.

d) the filing, formatting, rendering and storage of digital image, video or audio data files, but not the editing or manipulation of the content contained in those files which constitute any part of the final presented output, and are therefore part of the creative process. Any other technical (hardware or software) support related to digital processing that does not in any way assist with the creative decision-making process.

Where an activity is part of the creative process, that activity should be counted within the timed examination period and assistance is not permitted. Candidates are advised to keep a time sheet in order to record the time spent on such activities.

The following are not to be included in the time allowance for the examination:

a) rest periods for models

b) arrangement of still-life groups

c) stretching of screens, preparation of blocks and plates

d) mixing of photographic chemicals and washing and drying prints

e) drying of printing inks

f) the mounting of models and sculptures

g) drying and firing of pottery and sculpture

h) casting and mounting of models and sculpture

i) fixing dye, dyeing yarn, washing and finishing of hand-woven fabrics, stretching of embroidery
j) the making of a bare model stage.

Ceramic work should, where appropriate, be fired and completed before presentation for assessment. It is appreciated that in certain cases considerable time is required for drying-out and firing. It is suggested that candidates working with clay should commence their timed examination sufficiently early to ensure that the work is completed in good time.

Candidates may take into the examination room any preparatory supporting studies which they have produced, and which are to be submitted for assessment along with the work done in the period of the timed examination. Candidates may also take into the examination room the objects and materials which are required to set up a still-life group. The invigilator must ensure that when candidates take preparatory supporting studies into the examination room, these are their own studies.

Candidates must not access their work outside of assessment time. Candidates are not permitted to undertake any further work on the Externally Set Assignment Component upon completion of the timed examination. Work must not be added to or altered after the timed supervised period has ended. It is not acceptable for candidates to have some preparatory time prior to the period of sustained focus, complete it, and then have some preparatory time for additional work. At the end of the period of sustained focus, candidates must hand in any preparatory supporting studies work to be assessed along with the period of sustained focus work.

Photographs to be used as part of the Externally Set Assignment can be taken during the preparatory studies period and brought into the exam. The timed examination can then be used to process, manipulate, and devise the presentation of the work. All photography brought into the exam should be checked by the invigilator to ensure the work is the candidates’ own. Any photography done during the timed examination must be done under the supervision of the invigilator under controlled examination conditions as outlined previously in this section.

Incomplete examination work must be stored in a secure place between examination sessions. Candidates’ preparatory supporting studies taken into the examination room must also be kept securely, and candidates should not be given access to them during the intervals of the sustained focus.

6. Marking Work

Teacher-examiners must mark individual Components separately for each candidate’s work using the Assessment Grid and Practical Performance Calculator for GCE A level. Work must be clearly identified as belonging to a particular Component before it can be assessed.

It is essential the marks awarded are based only on evidence of the Assessment Objectives having been met in the work as it is presented.
A total mark out of 18 must be awarded for each of the four Assessment Objectives, giving a final total mark out of 72 for each of the Components. Please note however that A Level Component 1 has a total mark of 90, which includes a maximum of 18 marks for the Personal Study.

In cases where the Assessment Objectives have not been met within a particular Component, no marks can be awarded for that particular Objective. The category 'no rewardable material' should therefore be used.

The final mark out of 90 for Component 1 and out of 72 for Component 2, for each candidate, must be submitted on Edexcel Online under the appropriate unit.

It is not possible to moderate work unless the centre has carried out the initial marking as required by the specification and assessment grids and online mark submissions have been completed correctly.

Internal Standardisation

Centres are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure that where more than one teacher-examiner has marked the work in a centre effective internal standardisation has been carried out within each Component across all teaching groups and across all titles. The marking of all titles is considered as one and therefore adjustments applied to one title will affect the marks for other titles. This procedure ensures that the work of all candidates at the centre is marked to the same standard. The statement confirming the accuracy of mark being submitted online MUST be ticked.

It may not be possible for external moderation to take place if effective internal standardisation has not been carried out. If it appears to the moderator that the internal standardisation has not been carried out, they may withdraw from the moderation. The centre will then be required to remark all candidates' work and carry out internal standardisation, once complete moderation will resume.

7. Mark Submission

Centres will have the option of submitting their marks to Pearson Edexcel in one of the following ways:

EITHER

• by submitting marks on Edexcel Online (for registered centres).

OR

• by recording marks on computer for transfer to Pearson Edexcel by means of Electronic Data Interchange (EDI).
Whichever method the centre chooses to use to submit its marks, the deadline for mark submission is as follows:

**For centres having a visiting moderator:**

The marks must be submitted to Pearson Edexcel no later than 2 days prior to the moderator's visit. As the deadline for mark submission is linked to the date of the moderation visit, this deadline will differ for each centre.

**For centres submitting the work to Pearson Edexcel digitally (international centres which opt for digital moderation):**

The marks for each Component must be submitted online to Pearson Edexcel no later than 31 May 2024.

Where a centre has entered for more than one title, there will be a separate set of online mark submission pages for each Component within each specification title.

Before completing the online mark submission, please check the Component code and centre details to ensure that the correct sheet is being completed.

All candidates entered by the deadline date will be listed online. Candidates are listed according to the latest entry information received from a centre.

**Edexcel Online**

For Edexcel Online mark submission registered users should log on and navigate to the mark entry screen. Navigate to the screen by selecting the appropriate qualification from the tabs at the top of the window, then select “Search by Course” from the “Candidates” menu option. Select the Course and Session from the drop-down menus then click “Next.” Select the “Papers” link next to the Component you wish to submit marks for then the “Coursework Marks” link to navigate to the mark entry screen.

On the Edexcel Online mark submission screen you may enter some or all candidates in a session. Key a mark for each candidate in the mark field beside each candidate. Once the “Submit Marks” button at the bottom of the screen is selected and confirmed it will not be possible to amend a candidate's mark, where it has been keyed, however it will be possible to view it. Candidates for whom a mark has not been keyed will remain available to enter a mark in subsequent Edexcel Online sessions.

A copy of the Edexcel Online printout (not the moderator’s copy) **must** be retained by the centre.
EDI

For further information regarding the submission of marks by EDI (Electronic Data Interchange), please contact your Centre Management Information System (CMIS) provider.

A copy of the EDI printout should be presented to the moderator when he/she arrives at the centre. After the moderation visit the moderator will retain their copy of the EDI printout.

A further copy of the EDI printout (not the moderator’s copy) must be retained by the centre.

(a) 0 (zero marks) should be entered only if work submitted has been found to be worthless. It should not be used where candidates have failed to submit work.

(b) X in the marks box for any candidate who has been absent or has failed to submit any work, even if an aegrotat award has been requested.

Centres are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure that internal standardisation of the marking has been carried out across all teaching groups and across all titles.

Centre mark adjustments

Pre-results

It is the centre’s responsibility to ensure that online mark submissions are correctly completed. It is not the moderator’s responsibility to check that the marks awarded to the candidate have been correctly totalled on the Assessment Grid and correctly entered.

If marks that have already been submitted require amendment, it is the centre’s responsibility to notify Pearson Edexcel of the amended mark. This can be done by contacting the Coursework Processing Team at courseworkmarks@pearson.com

A valid reason for amendment must be provided. The late submission of additional work does not qualify as a valid reason.

Post-results

If an error is found with the marks that were originally submitted by the centre after the issue of results, the centre should contact Pearson Edexcel via the Post-results line. Centres should note that amending the centre mark of one candidate at the centre might have an effect on the final marks and subsequently the grades issued to all candidates at the centre.

Upon receipt of post-results amended mark(s) Pearson Edexcel will analyse the effect the amended mark(s) will have on the marks/grades for all candidates at the centre.
If the amended mark(s) will lead to a downward adjustment to marks/grades for any candidate at the centre apart from the specific candidate(s) for whom the error was reported, Pearson Edexcel will contact the centre to notify them of the effect the amended mark(s) will have and to obtain the centre’s approval prior to the actual amendment of the mark.

In all cases Pearson Edexcel will require proof that an error has been made prior to amending any mark.

8. Moderation: Submission of Work

Photography will be split for moderation from the rest of the titles in the GCE Art and Design suite. Separating Photography will mean that the moderation will be done in two separate groups: (1) Photography and (2) all of the other titles.

The rapid advancement in digital technology in recent years has enabled candidates to produce work for digital titles which may be interpreted by centres as being of a higher standard than non-digital titles - when this may not necessarily be the case.

Whilst 3-D Design and Graphic Communication also increasingly rely on digital technology, Photography has become almost exclusively a digital art-form and therefore will be moderated separately from the other titles. As well as separate moderation, this development will have implications for sampling, mark adjustment and moderator feedback.

It is recommended that the teacher-examiner advises candidates on the selection of work for assessment. All the Assessment Objectives must be covered in each Component of Personal Investigation (Component 1) and Externally Set Assignment (Component 2).

Each candidate must sign an Authentication Form to confirm that the work submitted for assessment has been carried out without assistance other than that which is acceptable under the scheme of assessment. The Authentication Form must also be signed by the teacher-examiner.

The Authentication Form can be signed electronically.

The teacher-examiner must mark all the work of all the candidates.

Candidates are also asked to give their permission for their work to be used by Pearson Edexcel. Work may be used for one or more of the following:

- awarding purposes (setting National Standards)
- moderator selection and training
- archive material
- tutor support material
- training materials (for professional development and training events)
Candidate work must be completed and assessed prior to moderation.

**Visiting moderation**

Submissions of work for those candidates in the moderation sample must be presented together with the Assessment Grids and Authentication Forms on the day of moderation, although the work of all candidates entered for the examination must be available. The centre may also display the completed Performance Calculator for each candidate.

The 2024 moderation period is **15 May – 28 June**. Visiting moderators will contact centres in late April/early May to make arrangements for the exact date and time of their visit.

There are no size restrictions for work moderated at the centre.

Centres should ensure when arrangements for the visit are being made that they verify with their visiting moderator which qualification(s) they will be moderating.

Work presented for visiting moderation should be the original artwork. Reproductions of the original artwork, including photographs of non-photographic work, on-screen display of artwork, on-line portfolios or video should not be the means of presentation for assessment unless:

- the work is digital in nature (e.g. graphic design, 3D design, digital art, web design, work originally developed in a digital format)
- the work is created specifically with the intent of implementing a digital medium or format as an integral part of the final piece (e.g. videotape or photographs of site-specific work).

Photographs or print-outs of larger original work may be used as supporting studies in sketchbooks, but the original work for final outcomes should always be presented for moderation. Any original work presented to the centre assessor as supporting studies or as a final outcome should also be available to the moderator during the centre visit.

Centres must use their judgement to ensure that artwork is presented in the most appropriate format to demonstrate the medium of the work, allowing for moderators to view the original work in all cases with the exception of those stated above.

Due to time constraints during visiting moderation, moderators may not be able to view the entirety of video evidence provided for all sampled candidates. In cases where a substantial amount of evidence provided for moderation is video-based, a brief written synopsis of the contents of each video should be included to allow the moderator to fully understand the intention of the piece having viewed a sufficient section of it.
Digital moderation

In Summer 2024 international centres that opt for digital moderation must submit their work digitally to Pearson Edexcel using Learner Work Transfer (LWT) platform

A guidance document for digital submission is available on our [subject page](#).

Work for those candidates in the moderation sample must be submitted digitally together with the Assessment Grids and Authentication Forms by submission deadline of [31 May 2024](#), although the work of all candidates entered for assessment must be available. The centre marks must also be submitted to Edexcel Online by this date.

9. The Moderation Sample

The moderation will consist of two separate samples: (1) Photography and (2) all of the other titles.

The moderation samples comprise of the following:

- candidates whose names have been **ticked** on Edexcel Online for each component
- the **highest** and **lowest** marked candidates for (1) Photography and (2) across all other titles for each component in the centre. Please note these candidates may not necessarily be selected online. It is the centre's responsibility to ensure that the work of these candidates is presented for moderation
- two candidates from **outside** the pre-selected moderation sample.

The work for all candidates **must** be available as the moderator may also request further samples outside of the pre-selected sample.

The candidates whose names are ticked online will have been chosen at random by Pearson Edexcel, drawn from the centre's entry across (1) Photography and (2) all of the other titles. With the separation of Photography, the following regime will apply:

1. 5-6-10 sampling for **Photography** (max of 10, including the highest and the lowest). Sub-sample of 5 (6 for entry size of more than 10)

2. 5-6-10 sampling across the rest of the titles as a group. (max of 10, including the highest and the lowest). Sub-sample of 5 (6 for entry size of more than 10).

3. Two non pre-selected samples separately for **Photography** and the rest of the titles which the moderator will select.
The above sampling regime will provide moderators with sufficient information to determine whether or not the centre has consistently applied the criteria accurately. If the selected sample across components or titles is not representative of range marks or candidates, the moderator may choose to sample additional candidates. **There will be a separate sample for each component.** Candidates whose names are selected as part of the moderation sample for a particular component should submit all their selected work for that component.

Please note that if any candidate indicated as being part of the sample is absent, the centre should present the work of another candidate (of similar ability), as part of the sample. This should be indicated to the moderator.

**Identification of work**

Each piece of work submitted for moderation must be identified with the centre number, candidate name, candidate number and Component code.

Labels are provided in Appendix A. If centres choose to identify candidates’ work using their own labels, they must ensure all of the above information is included and labels are clearly eligible.

### 10. Moderation Checklist: Visiting moderation

**Before moderation**

- Apply for Special Consideration if necessary (through the Examinations Officer)
- Arrange for all work and related paperwork for all the consortium centres to be made available at the designated location for the moderation visit.
- Arrange date of visit with the moderator sending details of location. Contact will be made directly by the visiting moderator in April/May.
- Make a copy of the Assessment Grid and Authentication Form for each candidate.
- Mark both Components for all candidates, using the A Level Assessment Grid and A Level Performance Calculators, and submit a final mark for Components 1 and 2 for every candidate on to the relevant Edexcel Online form/EDI form.
- Ensure internal standardisation has taken place for each Component across all teaching groups and across all titles but separately for Photography.
- Arrange display/folders of work for the candidates in the moderation sample, ensuring that all pieces of work within each Component are clearly identified and accompanied by the Assessment Grid and Authentication Form.
• Ensure that all candidates’ work is accessible as additional samples may be requested by the moderator during the centre visit.

• Submit the marks for all entered candidates via Edexcel Online/EDI two days prior to the moderator’s visit.

Visit day

• Ensure all work in the moderation sample is clearly identified and accompanied by the Assessment Grid and Authentication Form.

• Ensure all paperwork has been correctly completed and is available for the moderator.

• Give a copy of the Edexcel Online or EDI printout to the moderator.

• A plan/map should be provided, showing the location of work in the sample.

• An order of merit for should be provided if possible.

• Ensure privacy for the moderation.

End of moderation

Retain all sampled candidates’ work until the deadline for Review of Moderation has passed or until the outcome of any enquiries has been received.

11. Moderation Checklist: Digital moderation

International centres only

Before moderation

• Apply for Special Consideration if necessary (through the Examinations Officer)

• Make a copy of the Assessment Grid and Authentication Form for each candidate.

• Mark both Components for all candidates, using the A Level Assessment Grid and A Level Performance Calculators, and submit a final mark for both Components for every candidate on to the relevant Edexcel Online form/EDI form.

• Ensure internal standardisation has taken place within each Component across all teaching groups and across all titles but separately for Photography.

• Ensure that all candidates’ work is available in digital format as additional samples may be requested to be submitted by the moderator. Candidates can document their work as they progress through their project(s) by photographing/scanning/creating digital portfolios, following guidance available
on Pearson Art and Design subject page. Once the work is submitted for internal teacher assessment candidates should not have access to it, and any outstanding work not digitised must be photographed/scanned by the centre. Ensure each submission is accompanied by the Assessment Grid and Authentication Form.

- Submit the marks for all entered candidates via Edexcel Online/EDI, and the sample candidates’ work for moderation using Digital Learner Work Transfer (DLWT) by 31 May 2024.

**Sample submission (via Learner Work Transfer)**

- Upload the moderation sample candidates’ work onto Learner Work Transfer platform. Each candidate whose name will have been ticked on Edexcel Online will automatically show on LWT upon selection of examination series and subject code (e.g. June 2024, 9FA0 01)

- Ensure the highest and the lowest scoring candidates’ submissions are included in the sample before you “Submit Request”. You can add highest and lowest scoring candidates to the sample via “Manage Learners” function on LWT.

- Ensure to replace any candidates marked “Absent” or “No evidence” using the “Manage Learners” function.

- Your allocated moderator might request additional sample after you submit request for moderation. If this is required, the moderator will return the request, which will enable you to select additional candidates via “Manage Learners”, upload their work, and re-submit request back to the moderator.

Further information can be found in the [digital submission guidance](#).

**End of moderation**

The sample submitted for digital moderation via LWT will be retained by Pearson Edexcel on the LWT platform for the purpose of Review of Moderation. It is recommended that any physical work held by the centre is retained at the centre until the deadline for Review of Moderation has passed or until the outcome of any enquiries has been received.
12. Moderation of Work at the Centre

The work in the moderation sample may be presented in one of the following forms:

- a display
- in folders.

Work presented as a display:

Those centres which present the work of all candidates on display panels for the purposes of an exhibition must find a way of identifying the work of the candidates in the moderation sample for the moderation visit. There is no prescribed method for doing this. For example, centres may wish to display the work in the moderation sample in a completely separate area or as a full exhibition.

Whatever the chosen means of presentation, each candidate’s presentation must be clearly identified with the centre number, candidate’s name and number, title code and Component code.

It is helpful if the teacher-examiner can provide a location map of the work of the candidates in the moderation sample, along with an order of merit for each Component.

Work presented in folders:

Samples should be presented in separate folders and clearly identified with the centre number, candidate’s name and number, title code and Component code.

It would be helpful if the centre could provide the moderator with an order of merit for each Component.

Moderators must be provided with a large working surface on which to view the folders.

Consortium centres

Centres with fewer than five candidates may wish to form a consortium with other centres for the purposes of a moderation visit.

While candidates should be entered through their own centres (home centres), the work of the candidates in the moderation sample should be exhibited at the host centre (the centre acting as host for the moderation of all candidates in the consortium). The work of all candidates in the consortium, whether selected or not, must be available at the location where the moderation is to take place. Where all candidates are not taught and assessed as one group, internal standardisation should be carried out between all centres in the consortium. All relevant assessment
documentation should be made available. All other instructions relating to moderation visits apply.

For the purposes of entering final marks into the system separate Edexcel Online/EDI forms must be completed for each participating centre in the normal way, showing a mark for every candidate.

**Pearson Edexcel should be notified of any consortium arrangements by means of the Joint Council online Application Form through the Centre Admin Portal (CAP).** It is essential that this form is completed and sent to the Art and Design Allocations Team prior to **31 January** to ensure the same moderator is allocated to all centres within the consortium.

Centres entering candidates for multiple titles must be aware that all work across all titles and Components must be brought together in the host centre for the moderation visit. It is not possible to separate titles due to different teaching sites. Marks across all titles will be processed together for all centres in the consortium.

**The moderation visit**

Moderation will take place between **15 May and 28 June 2024.**

The moderation of marks within the GCE Art and Design specification titles will take place during the same visit. It is essential that where Art and Design specifications are being taught across departments within a centre that all parties agree on a mutually satisfactory date.

If a moderator has to return to a centre to moderate the marks for a title that was missed on the original visit, the centre will be charged for the return visit.

Centres will be contacted directly by their visiting moderator in late April/early May. Centres should agree with the moderator a mutually convenient date and time when the moderator will visit the centre. Pearson Edexcel is unable to arrange moderation dates either on behalf of the centre or the moderator. Should difficulties occur in agreeing the date of the moderation visit, the moderator will inform Pearson Edexcel and another moderator will be allocated. **However, it is important that centres have a range of possible dates available. Pearson Edexcel cannot guarantee that a moderator will be available on a specific date in a specific geographical location.** Please note also that any last-minute changes to the date by the centre may not be possible to accommodate.

The visiting moderator will notify Pearson Edexcel of the agreed arrangements. Confirmation of the agreed date and time will also be sent to the centre by the moderator. Specific moderators cannot be requested by the centre. Centres are allocated to moderators by Pearson Edexcel based on location, availability and previous moderation experience.
The following documentation must be available to the visiting moderator at the start of the moderation visit:

- copies of the Assessment Grid for each candidate in the moderation sample (Assessment Grids for all other candidates should also be available)
- Authentication Forms for each candidate in the moderation sample
- a copy of the Edexcel Online/EDI printout for each Component within each specification title.

It is the teacher-examiner’s responsibility to ensure that internal standardisation has taken place; all documentation is present and has been completed correctly. If the assessment documentation is missing or has been completed incorrectly, or internal standardisation has not taken place the moderation visit may be prolonged. In some instances it may be necessary for the visiting moderator to withdraw from the centre; another moderation visit will then be scheduled at the centre’s expense.

A designated teacher representative for the department should meet the visiting moderator at the beginning of the visit. The moderator will ask the teacher representative to introduce the work to them and set it in context, explaining how the candidates have worked towards the examination. Pearson Edexcel values this dialogue between the teacher-representative and moderator. **During the visit the visiting moderator will deal with one teacher representative only.** The teacher representative should be readily available throughout the visit in case they are required.

Under the Safeguarding Children policy, representatives of Pearson Edexcel should never be on their own with children or vulnerable adults whilst performing Assessment Associate (AA) duties. Centres are expected to provide a responsible adult to accompany the Assessment Associate in these circumstances or, if appropriate, the candidates are to be barred from entering the allocated area for the period when it is occupied by the Assessment Associate. If the centre cannot provide this, AAs must withdraw assessment services in order that the Safeguarding Children policy is maintained.

**At the time of moderation there must be no students in the areas where the work is displayed.** The moderator must be given privacy in which to undertake the moderation.

Visiting moderators will review the submissions of work for those candidates in the moderation sample in order to ensure that the centre’s marking is:

- in accordance with the marking criteria stipulated
- in conformity with the overall standards of the examination.

Moderator recommended marks remain confidential at all times and will not be disclosed to the teacher representative either at the end of the moderation visit or after the issue of results in August.
The duration of the visit may vary. Please note that it is not possible to guarantee a specific end time for the visit. Please communicate to the moderator any specific scheduling issues that may affect the day of the moderation when agreeing the visit date to ensure the moderator is prepared.

Further visits

A further visit by a senior moderator may be requested by the visiting moderator in the following situations:

(i) if effective internal standardisation does not appear to have taken place
(ii) if there are any aspects of the work and the moderation which the visiting moderator believes should be the subject of further consideration.

In this case the visiting moderator will inform the centre of their intention to refer the situation to a senior moderator for consideration.

(iii) As part of our monitoring and quality control of the moderation process, senior moderators will be carrying out drop-in sessions on moderators while moderation is taking place at centres. Centres may confirm the identity of the senior moderator upon their arrival at a centre by contacting the Art and Design Assessment team.

Candidates' work must be retained in the same conditions as viewed by the original visiting moderator in the above cases.

The senior moderator will review the situation and contact the centre directly as soon as possible after the original moderation visit has taken place to inform the centre whether a further visit is required or not. If a further visit does take place, the senior moderator may, in certain circumstances, find it necessary to recommend to Pearson Edexcel that the original moderator's recommended marks be amended upwards or downwards. Should this be the case, the recommendations of the senior moderator will stand.

Please note that under normal circumstances centres cannot request a second moderation visit.

13. Final Mark Procedure

The following is an explanation of the procedure for determining the final coursework marks of candidates based upon the marks awarded by the centre and the moderator.

All centres have this procedure applied, even those for which all candidates' work is seen by the moderator. This is to ensure that all centres are treated equally, whether the entry is large or small.
For the candidates sampled by the moderator, the marks awarded by the centre and the moderator are compared and if the differences all lie within acceptable limits, then the centre's marks are accepted.

If at least one candidate's mark is outside the designated allowable difference, then adjustment of candidates' marks is considered.

However, if the ‘adjusted’ marks for all candidates lie within the given range when compared to the centre marks then, again, the decision would be to accept the centre's marks.

If the condition stated above is not satisfied, then the ‘adjusted’ marks will be recommended.

Mark adjustments will be calculated based on the moderated sample and applied across the titles within each title group. Therefore, Photography will be adjusted separately to the rest of the titles. This will result in two separate adjustment decisions per centre where the centre has entries for Photography and other title(s).

14. Retention of Work

After moderation the work of all the candidates in the moderation sample (including the highest achieving candidate and the lowest achieving candidate) must be retained by the centre until the deadline for requests for Review of Moderation (RoM) has passed.

For work moderated digitally, the Review of Moderation will be completed remotely using the work submitted via LWT. However, it is recommended that the centres who submitted the work digitally retain any physical candidate work in case re-photographing/ re-submission is required.

Requests for RoMs cannot be accepted if all the work of all the candidates seen by the original moderator for the relevant Component across titles is not available.

If there are no requests for RoM for candidates in the centre, work can be returned to candidates immediately after this deadline.

However, if a centre submits any requests for RoM, no work should be returned to any candidates at that centre until notification of the outcome of the Review has been received.

The Awarding of GCE Art and Design qualification to determine the grade boundaries for any particular series involves a review of candidates’ work. To fulfil this requirement, candidates' work will be requested from centres in June/July for the purpose of Awarding. The requested candidates’ work will be used in the awarding process during the above retention period. The process does not affect any of the marks already awarded and that, centres are selected at random to participate in this
exercise. Since candidates’ marks are not affected during this process their permission for the work to be reviewed is not required.

15. Special Considerations

Special consideration is given following an examination to ensure that candidates who suffered temporary illness, injury or indisposition at the time of the examination are given some compensation for their difficulties.

Applications for special consideration must be made online through the Examinations Officer, using the appropriate documentation. Where required JCQ/SC Form 10 must be completed in detail and submitted by the deadline published in the Information Manual. Candidates will not be eligible for special consideration if the effect on the final assessment cannot be reliably quantified by Pearson Edexcel. Please therefore ensure that full details of dates when the candidate was suffering from the illness, injury or indisposition are given along with any appropriate supporting evidence. No special consideration can be made unless this form is submitted. The centre should retain copies of any such forms.

In all cases, the teacher-examiner must award marks for each Component (01 and 02) as for any other candidate that is, based only on the evidence of the Assessment Objectives having been met in the work as presented for moderation. This is to ensure that the teacher-examiner and the moderator are basing their judgements on exactly the same evidence.

If an application for special consideration is accepted, Pearson Edexcel will review the candidate's performance in the part(s) of the examination which have been completed, taking into account all the available evidence, to compensate for the adverse circumstances and make an appropriate award. In many cases it may be possible only to give a very limited allowance, as Pearson Edexcel must seek to ensure that the grade accurately reflects the standard which the candidate has been able to attain.

The Examinations Officer will be able to advise on candidate's eligibility for special consideration.

Lost/damaged coursework

Centres are advised that if any art work is lost, damaged or stolen they should complete the appropriate Lost Coursework form which is available from the JCQ website: https://www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/coursework
Forms submitted for work lost due to candidate or centre negligence will not be considered.
16. Malpractice

Upon submission of work for assessment each candidate must sign an Authentication Form to confirm that the work submitted has been carried out without assistance other than that which is acceptable under the scheme of assessment. The teacher assessor should also sign this form to confirm that the work is the candidate’s own.

If malpractice is suspected/discovered prior to the signing of declarations of authentication it is the responsibility of the Head of Centre, acting on behalf of Pearson Edexcel, to carry out an investigation. Full details of the required procedures can be found in the JCQ document ‘Suspected Malpractice in Examinations and Assessments: Policies and Procedures’. Centres must not give credit for any work submitted which is not the candidate’s own work.

Malpractice discovered prior to the signing of declarations of authentication need not be reported to Pearson Edexcel. Any malpractice discovered by a centre after the signing of the Authentication Form by the centre must be reported to Pearson Edexcel at the earliest opportunity using form JCQ/M1.

Candidate work submitted for each individual title or Component must be unique. The same work cannot be submitted to fulfil the requirements for any other Component or qualification.

17. Estimated Grades

Pearson Edexcel acknowledges the fact that centres, for various reasons, are required to predict grades for their candidates early on in the examination calendar. The prediction of grades in any given year must accurately reflect the candidates’ achievement based on the work done thus far in the course. Such predictions can only be based on the previous year’s grade boundaries (bearing in mind these are subject to change year-on-year), the grade descriptions in the specification and the teacher-examiner’s professional judgement. The grade descriptions are designed to give a general indication of the overall level of performance likely to be demonstrated by a candidate achieving a particular grade.

When it comes to the final assessment of candidates’ work and the submission of marks to Pearson Edexcel, marks for each individual Component must be awarded by the teacher-examiner based on the evidence in the work of candidates’ fulfilment of the Assessment Objectives. The criteria statements on the Assessment Grid (along with the Practical Performance Calculator) must be matched to candidates’ work in order to award marks.

However, neither the grade descriptions nor the assessment criteria can indicate exactly where a grade boundary will fall in any examination series. At the time of assessment and moderation marks do not equate to grades.
18. Grade Awarding

The GCE Advanced Level Art and Design is a criterion-referenced examination. Decisions regarding the grade boundaries are based on the professional judgement of the Chair, Chief Examiner and the Awarding Committee and are made by reference to candidates' work. However, statistical information is taken into consideration, together with archive work from previous years, to ensure year on year comparability.

Pearson Edexcel follows the procedures laid down in the Assessment Strategy for all awarding bodies when establishing the grade boundaries. The key grade boundaries for GCE Advanced Level Art and Design are established in the following order: E and A.

The sample of work for awarding will be drawn from across all submissions, covering a range of marks on and around the notional grade boundaries in all titles.

19. Understanding your Results

Moderator's Reports

Moderator Reports are written to give you additional general feedback on your assessment practice. These can be downloaded from Edexcel Online on results day and will usually be available under the first Component at the required level on the drop-down list.

Where centres have entries for multiple titles, all titles will be addressed in the same moderator report for the relevant Component. The appropriate moderator report can be accessed using the ‘lead’ Component, generally beginning with ‘AD’ or ‘FA’.

Moderators currently complete one report which includes comments across all of the titles. With the separation of Photography, it will be compulsory for moderators to address Photography separately from the rest of the titles. It is important to highlight the moderator’s role is to provide feedback about the centre’s interpretation of the assessment criteria and not about individual candidates.

20. Review of Moderation

Centres must not contact moderators directly if they have a query about their results. All such queries must be addressed through the Pearson Edexcel Post Results Service via the Examinations Officer. Information regarding Review of Moderation (RoM) procedure is given in the Information Manual available to Examinations Officers. Please note there is a specific section relating to Art and Design, which must be referred to prior to submitting a request for a RoM.
Requests for enquiries should be submitted to Pearson Edexcel through the Examinations Officer as soon as possible after the issue of results. Requests for the RoM Service 3 enquiries can be made by the Examinations Officer via Edexcel Online.

Please note that requests for RoMs cannot be accepted if the work seen by the original moderator for the relevant Component(s) across all teaching groups and across all titles is not available.
Appendix A - Labels

Labels for art work

See Section 8 for details of the identification of art work.

Please note copies of these labels are also available on the GCE Advanced Level pages of the Pearson Edexcel website (https://qualifications.pearson.com).

If centres choose to identify candidates’ work using their own labels, they must ensure that all of the information below is included.
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Appendix B – Order of Merit Form 2023

This form aids the centre marking and moderation process in centres. It is not required but will help the moderator to clearly see the ranking of candidates from highest to lowest as determined by the centre assessor(s). It is especially helpful when marking and moderating across multiple titles.

Instructions:

Please complete **one form per component** (separate for PY) enter all candidates according to their mark in descending order, with the highest marked candidate at the top and lowest at the bottom. Highlight candidates to be sampled according to the selection on Edexcel Online.

If you teach more than one title, please integrate them on this form into a single order of merit. This allows direct comparison of similar marks across endorsements/titles (e.g. a mark of 68 in any title will display similar visual and written characteristics against the assessment criteria) and helps to ensure that effective internal standardisation has taken place. You may also like to colour code the titles.

Please provide a copy of your completed form for each Component to the moderator to aid the moderation.

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## Appendix C – Pearson Contact List

### Teaching and Exams Officer Services

If you have a **teaching related** query, you can now ask the Subject specialist team a question by going to the [Contact Us / Pearson Support Portal](https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/support-topics/exams/special-requirements.html) page on the website.

If your query relates to **administrative tasks such as registrations or entries** etc., you can ask the Customer services team a question by going to the [Contact Us / Pearson Support Portal](https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/support-topics/exams/special-requirements.html) page on the website.

### Moderator allocation team

- **Contact Us / Pearson Support Portal**

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### Assessment Team

- **Zakir Santally – Head of Creative & Practical Assessment**
- **Stephen Asiamah – Assessment Leader**
- **Gemma Hughes - Assessment Leader**

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### Special Requirements Department

(for special considerations queries)

- **Webpage:** [https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/support-topics/exams/special-requirements.html](https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/support-topics/exams/special-requirements.html)
- **Email:** uk.special.requirements@pearson.com

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