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SILVERBACK IQA STRATEGY

Moderation Procedures

All Silverback assessments are subject to a moderation process to ensure the integrity of the assessment process, the consistency of marking and adherence to standards.

A selection of assessments is provided for moderation by the Module Leader. While candidate numbers are small, all module assessments will be included in the moderation process. The same selection of assessments will be provided to the External Examiner.

The moderator is a facilitator familiar with the programme, but not necessarily teaching on the specific module in question.

The moderator will review the submitted assignments and assessment forms to ensure overall fairness and consistency.

The moderator will complete a report to indicate that the assessment:

- Meets the required standard for the level of the assessment.
- Matches the assignment criteria.
- Accurately reflects the marking guidance.
- Demonstrates consistency of marking.
- Provides participants with constructive feedback.

External Examiner

The External Examiner is required to review a representative sample of assignments and to comment on whether:

- the academic standard of each module or programme of study being considered is set and maintained at the appropriate level.
- the standards of student performance are appropriately judged against the level set.
- the assessment process is correct, rigorous, equitable and conducted in accordance with regulatory requirements and guidance, and that
- standards and levels of participants' achievements compare appropriately with those of similar programmes in other institutions and organisations.

The External Examiner is required to produce an end of programme report setting out their expert judgments on the standards and levels referred to above, including any examples of good practice, along with indications of areas for remediation and/or improvement.