Level 3 Applied Criminology bulletin
September 2019

We hope that you had a relaxing summer break and that you and your candidates were pleased with the exam results published last month. This is the first of four bulletins that will be sent to subscribers this year, detailing important dates and keeping you informed of the latest developments in terms of resources and guidance. As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with us via phone or email.

2019 RESULTS
The papers and mark schemes for all externally assessed units (units 2 and 4) are now available to view on our secure website. If you don't have access to the relevant pages, please contact your Exams Officer, who will be able to grant you the appropriate permissions via a new password.

The 19th of September is the last date where a review of marking and/or moderation can be requested. Electronic copies of scripts from your centre can be requested up to the 26th of September. Please see our website for more details of our Post-Results services.

WJEC/Eduqas offers two services to help you understand your students’ results and develop their exam skills: Exam Results Analysis and Online Exam Review.

Exam Results Analysis (Item Level Data) on the secure website allows you to compare your students’ performance on each question with that of the candidature overall, letting you see where they have done well and where there might be room for improvement.

Online Exam Review provides a number of marked exemplars of candidate responses to key questions in an interactive format. These can be used as teaching resources, allowing students to mark others’ work and discuss ways in which it may be improved, thus developing their own skills. Exemplars from the summer examinations will be uploaded during the autumn.

PRINCIPAL EXAMINER REPORTS
The Principal Examiner/Moderator reports provide detailed feedback on candidate performance in each unit and are now available on the website subject page.

CHANGES TO CONTROLLED ASSESSMENTS
Please view our online tutorial video (available on the Criminology homepage) that will assist you to understand the changes made to the controlled assessment requirements for Unit 1 in 2020. Please also ensure that you refer to the updated version of the specification for any further guidance. The specification is available on both WJEC and Eduqas websites.

Please be aware that centres should not share the chosen Unit 1 Learner Assignment Brief with candidates until the day of the controlled assessment. The chosen Learner Assignment Brief for Unit 3 can still be shared with candidates and used as a teaching resource.

Please also note that both controlled assessments for Criminology are summative assessments and can only be attempted by candidates once all teaching for that particular unit has ended. All available textbooks to support this qualification are in the process of being updated to reflect these changes.
EXAMINATION PAPER DEVELOPMENTS
From 2020, Criminology examination papers will be adjusted to make the layout more consistent. Questions will be structured into four different types:

- Points-based questions worth from 1 to 4 marks
- Short-answer questions worth 4 marks
- Medium-length questions worth 6 marks
- Extended-response questions worth 9 marks

Examples of these new-style examination papers will be made available at CPD and will be published on the WJEC website following those CPD sessions. Please be assured that expectations of candidates are not being changed: questions will continue to have the same phrasing and the same level of expectation as their predecessors. The developments being implemented are solely to increase consistency to the marks awarded for questions.

CRIMINOLOGY CPD DATES 2019
The CPD dates this autumn will focus on exam feedback for units 2, 3 and 4 and will update all attendees on the new requirements for Unit 1. Examples of candidate work and updated mark schemes for controlled assessments will be discussed in detail.

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Full details of how to book a place on our training courses can be found here: https://www.wjec.co.uk/teachers/training-courses/ https://www.eduqas.co.uk/training/

WJEC CONTACTS
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Best wishes,

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