Report on National Moderation
of the
National Diploma in Business Computing
undertaken by the
National Advisory Committee on Computer Qualifications

May 1998

The modules moderated were:

Module	Number	Moderator
AA220	2	Leonie Bridgeman (Taranaki Polytechnic)
DB200	11	Jeff Simpson (Taranaki Polytechnic)
FG300	7	Jeff Simpson (Taranaki Polytechnic)
IG200	3	Gay Costain (Auckland Institute of Technology)
IS310	2	Leonie Bridgeman (Taranaki Polytechnic)
NM100	10	Garry Roberton (The Waikato Polytechnic)
PJ300	7	Noel Bridgeman (Taranaki Polytechnic)
PR130	3	Jeff Simpson (Taranaki Polytechnic)
SA21n	2	Jeff Simpson (Taranaki Polytechnic)
SD200	4	Gay Costain (Auckland Institute of Technology)
SF100	13	Pat Mole (Waiariki Polytechnic)
SP200	1	Trevor Nesbit (Aoraki Polytechnic)
US100	2	Trevor Nesbit (Aoraki Polytechnic)
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It is with regret that I inform you that two sets of modules were lost between the moderator and NACCQ office.

HS200	8
PR35n	2

These will be included on the moderation schedule in the May 1999 round of moderation.

The total number of modules presented for moderation at 73 is down on past moderations (92 in September 97, 81 in May 97, 73 in September 96, 62 in May 96, 85 in September 95) with fifteen polytechnics submitting material for moderation, last round there were nineteen.

The two main points which moderators wish that those supplying moderation material would consider so that the standard of an assessment can be properly ascertained is:

1.   Provide Marking Schedules for every assessment.

2.   Where an assessment is of the type "case study", of whatever size, provide the specifications of that case study as supplied to the students.

Moderators stated the following suggested changes to the prescription:

AA220   Format still OK. But need to update/broaden examples of Application Areas. eg. change 1.7 to Internet, 1.8 to Multimedia, delete 1.6 or change to Intranets. Perhaps GIS. Combine 1.2 and 1.4 into Finance. Some polys are using their judgement to keep their topic areas current and broad.

DB200   nil

FG300   nil

IG200   The prescription concentrates on individual information gathering methods but does not clearly address the planing for the <u>full</u> information gathering activities for a system. The prescription would be improved if this was addressed.

IS310   Seems to work OK

NM100   none

PR130   The three programming subtopics (2.1, 4.4, 7.2) should be stated as examples rather than actual prescription requirements.

PJ300   Clarification urgently required as to the requirements for
  a)   Project proposal acceptance
  b)   Content of Project Report (Final written)
  c)   Requirements for Project Presentation

SF100   Prescription seems appropriate

SD200   nil

SP200   Perhaps a slightly lower weighting on the data transfer section as developments in the last few years make this easier. Increasing the weight of problem solving to compensate.

US100   I wonder whether there is too much overlap with TR200 & HD200 in this module. Perhaps some work could be done to further distinguish the 2 modules.

The above will be taken into consideration by the NACCQ NDBC Working Group.

This was the first time PJ300 PROJECT has been moderated. I thank Noel Bridgeman for producing a new set of moderation sheets especially for this unique module.

Having lost Rudi van den Brink of Christchurch Polytechnic I am in need of new moderators. I intend to advertise for such in the next NACCQ NEWS*update*.

The Moderation Schedule is being updated for 1999 to include modules added to the NDBC Blue Book in the last eighteen months. This will be posted after the September 1998 round of moderation.

Due at NACCQ office by 14th August 1998 are:

	IP100	SP100	SP110	ST100			
AP220	EX200	HD200	NM200	PR25n	QA200	RA200	US200
	DB300	DM300	OS310	SI300			

This round of moderation has taken longer than normal. This is due to Auckland's Mercury Energy power shutdown and the loss of moderation material.

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