



## Formation of small group moderation partnerships

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It is the responsibility of any school with a small group in a final year TEE subject/WACE course to initiate the formation of the small group moderation partnership and to ensure it operates effectively. The purpose is to increase the total group size to minimise any distortion which may arise in the statistical moderation of numerical school assessments because of small numbers. Details of all partnerships were due at the Council by 22 February, 2008.

Any school with a small group that has not formed a partnership should do so immediately. Schools that do not form an effective partnership are accepting the risk of distortion of their numerical school assessments, which may have a significant effect on the students' results in the small group.

It is Council policy that partnerships, once formed, cannot be dissolved without the prior approval of the Director of Assessment and Moderation.

A small group is defined as one with a projected enrolment of less than 10 students sitting the external examination. In the case of Languages subjects, this number excludes background speakers. It is advisable to consider small group moderation when groups are between 10 and 15 students.