

## Amendments to the *General regulations: Diploma Programme*

The following amendments to the *General regulations: Diploma Programme* issued on 1 August 2007 take effect from the **May 2009** examination session.

### **Article 19: Enquiry upon results**

The current article 19.2 states: *Re-marking a candidate's externally assessed material may lead to a higher grade for a subject, but not to a lower grade.*

Coordinators may request a re-mark of externally assessed material (category 1), the return of externally assessed material (category 2) and/or a report on the moderation of internal assessment (category 3). This service is known as an enquiry upon results. In previous examination sessions a candidate's grade would only remain the same or be raised as a result of a category 1 re-mark. However, with effect from the **May 2009** examination session a candidate's grade may also be lowered as a consequence of a re-mark. Therefore, article 19.2 has been amended.

The new wording for article 19.2 states: *Re-marking a candidate's externally assessed material may lead to a higher or lower grade for a subject.*

### **Article 32: Appeals**

The current article 32.2 states: *Subject to article 32.1, appeals are possible against any decision of the final award committee and against any decision of the assessment director upon review of the re-marking of a candidate's externally assessed material as defined under article 19.3, but only on the grounds that the procedures defined in these general regulations, and which led to the decision of the final award committee being appealed, were not respected.*

The words "*of the final award committee*" should be omitted in the last line of this article because the decision being appealed may have been taken either by the final award committee or by the assessment director. Therefore, article 32.2 has been amended.

The new wording for article 32.2 states: *Subject to article 32.1, appeals are possible against any decision of the final award committee and against any decision of the assessment director upon review of the re-marking of a candidate's externally assessed material as defined under article 19.3, but only on the grounds that the procedures defined in these general regulations, and which led to the decision being appealed, were not respected.*

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**Article 15: Award of the IB diploma**

The current article 15.2 states: *The IB diploma will be awarded to a candidate whose total score is 24, 25, 26 or 27 points, provided all the following requirements have been met.*

- c. *Grades A (highest) to E (lowest) have been awarded for both theory of knowledge and an extended essay, with a grade of at least D in one of them.*

With effect from the **May 2010** examination session, a grade E in either an extended essay or theory of knowledge will become a failing condition, requiring a candidate to obtain at least a grade D in both these requirements in order for a diploma to be awarded. Therefore, paragraph c of article 15.2 has been amended.

The new wording for article 15.2, paragraph c, states: *At least grade D has been awarded for both theory of knowledge and an extended essay.*