

## QAB Update

### Qualifications and Awards Board (QAB) Summary 2016

#### Southampton Solent University accreditation

The LLB (Hons) Law and Commercial Practice degree has had its accreditation. Exemptions from this degree are:

- CSCATS papers: Legal Systems; Law of Contract and Consumer Protection Environment
- DCATS paper: Advice, Resolution and Redress; Fair Trading Criminal; Fair Trading Civil and Intellectual Property.
- HDCATS paper: Management of Regulatory Services

It is intended that these exemptions will be applicable as of 2016/17 delivery.

#### Moderation of exam papers process:

CTSI executive want to confirm the moderation process; all results under 45% are sent for moderation (second marking) along with a selection of papers from all ranges of marks, including those within 2% of each classification boundary. These boundaries were confirmed as follows:

- 40 – 59% = Pass
- 60 – 69% = Merit
- 70 – 100% = Distinction

#### Food practical exams:

The QAB identified that the food practical exams were either very poor or very good. The QAB want to re-iterate that local authorities need to identify the importance of professional practice and employers and students doing the minimum that they can does not support an individual's competency. Candidates need to gain experience within their local authorities. If a candidate does something that is fundamentally wrong when taking a sample, then the examiner can fail the candidate.

#### Consumer Rights Act:

Examiners were pleased that students had demonstrated that they had taken the time to understand the new Consumer Rights Act regulations.

#### On a final note:

The Chartered Trading Standards Institute, The QAB and Examinations and Assessment Board (EAB) would like to express its sincere thanks to the Chair of the EAB and QAB, Nigel Farmer, for his time chairing the boards and providing balanced views and opinions to aid the group with its decisions and recommendations. Nigel will be retiring from this role and Carol Brannon from Queen Margaret's University will be taking up this role as of the July QAB meeting.