Grading of FET Major Awards

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The grade of a FET major award is calculated by QBS based on the grades of the components which have been used to get that major award. A number of examples linked below should clarify how the calculation is done. The following rules are applied:

- Each grade has a weighting i.e. Distinction is valued at 3, a Merit at 2, a Pass at 1

- Each component's credit value is multiplied by the relevant grade weighting.

- The results are totaled.

- This total is divided by the sum of the credit values of the components involved. The answer will be a number between 1.0 and 3.0.

- The answer is rounded and translated back to a grade for the major as follows: 1.00 - 1.49 = Pass; 1.50 – 2.49 = Merit; 2.50 – 3.00 = Distinction.

- The credit value of the component is important i.e. a Distinction in a component worth 5 credits (3 x5=15) contributes less than a Merit in a component worth 15 credits (2x15=30)

- Components achieved by exemption are neutral to the calculation i.e. they are not included in either part of the division calculation

- 'Remaining credit' is not included in the calculation i.e. if the award structure says that '*The remaining credit value of X can be obtained…etc*.' then X credits are taken out of both the top and bottom of the division calculation.

- Where necessary to choose between specified components to use in the calculation, the system will select the most valuable. This means that if a learner used components, all of which are in the award structure, then the most valuable component grades will be used.

How to Calculate your Score
1. List your component awards, ranking them in order of Distinction, Merit, and / or Pass to a total value of 120 credits. The best score is achieved through counting the highest grades up to 120 credits
2. For a component award that is not part of the Common Award System (CAS) with a credit value of less than 15, multiply the credit value by 15. For example, a component might have a credit value of 1, therefore 1x15=15.
3. Multiply the credit value by the grade weighting. It is simplest to do this by scoring 3 for Distinction, 2 for merit and 1 for Pass, multiplying the total by 10 and dividing by 9. View scoring examples 1 - 4 & example 5.