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Publication: read the new guidance on external moderation of teacher assessment (TA)

We have published updated guidance on external moderation of teacher assessment (TA). We have used feedback from local authorities (LAs), schools, teaching unions and senior moderators to make improvements. For example, we have provided greater clarity on the detail that LAs need to include in the end of visit note, independence of writing evidence, and clarified the professional discussions between teachers and external moderators. The format has also been simplified – school and LA guidance is now in one document.

We use statutory external moderation to confirm that TA judgements are accurate and consistent with national standards. If you are responsible for key stage 1 (KS1) TA or for key stage 2 (KS2) writing TA, you must comply with the guidance to ensure that the process results in valid and accurate TA judgements. Please read the following guidance:

- [2017 teacher assessment external moderation: key stage 1](#)
- [2017 teacher assessment external moderation: key stage 2 writing](#)

We will also be discussing the guidance at our forthcoming LA briefing events.

Information: assessment update sent to schools

The [information sent to schools](#) is as follows:

Primary assessment

- Action: place KS1 and KS2 modified test orders on NCA tools by Friday 25 November
- Action confirm your term dates in NCA tools
- Action: independent schools, pupil referral units, hospital schools, secure units and maintained special schools to place KS1 and KS2 test orders for standard and modified materials
- Publication: read the new guidance on external moderation of teacher assessment (TA)
- Publication: early years foundation stage (EYFS) profile handbook
- Information: register for live webinars, Tuesday 15 November

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