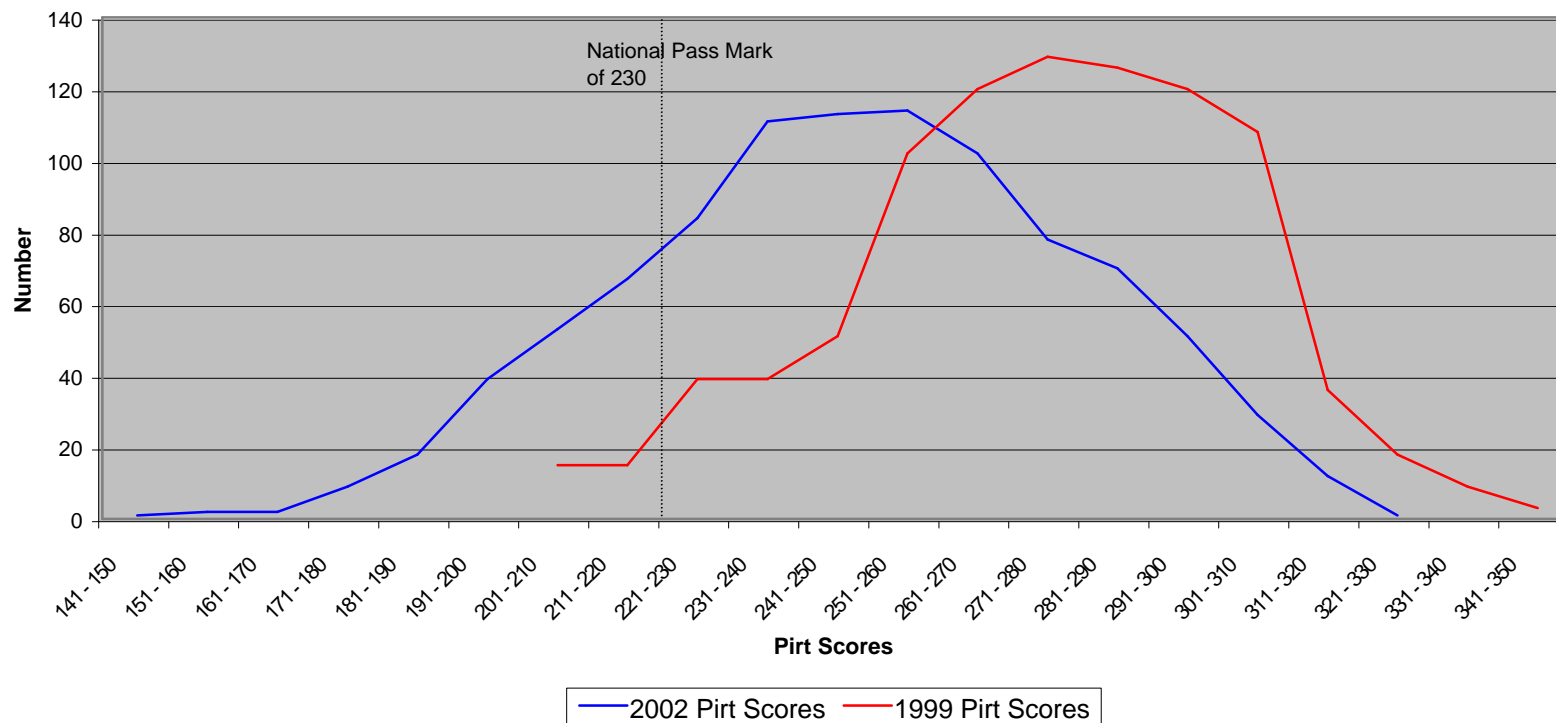
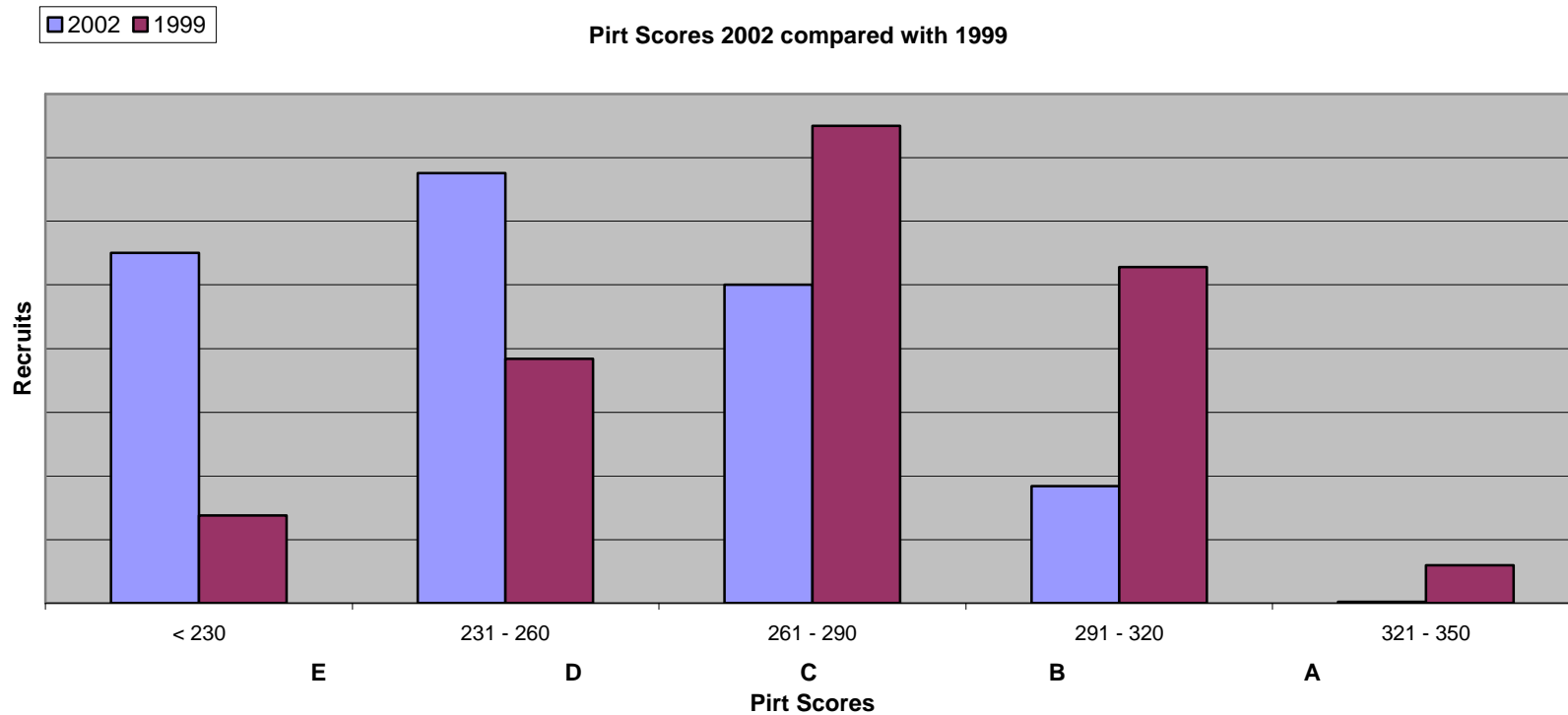


PIRT Scores 2002 compared with 1999



This graph shows in 1999 the range of marks was between 201 and 350 (the national pass mark is 230). Whereas by 2002 it had deteriorated to between 150 and 330. The average score has dropped by 10% but if the graphs are split into four equal groups, then the average of the bottom 50% of the 2002 intake exceeded the bottom 25% of the 1999 group. And, the average of the top 25% of the 2002 intake, does not even match the lowest score of the 2nd best group from 1999.



A Histogram titled: PIRT Scores 1999 compared with 2002

This splits the PIRT scores into 5 groups – less than 230 (national pass mark), 231 – 260, 261 – 290, 291 – 320 and 321 – 350. This shows that there are 4 times as many recruits below the national pass mark in 2002 compared with 1999.

Band D are those who pass with low scores, we have nearly twice as many in 2002 than 1999. In band C, we have two thirds of the number of 1999 and in band B only a third, with hardly any for band A.

In summary we have more band Ds in the 2002 intake and less band Cs, much fewer band Bs and hardly any band As.