

# NQ Verification 2014–15

## Key Messages Round 1

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### Section 1: Verification group information

Verification group name:	Classical Studies
Verification event/visiting information	Event
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#### National Courses/Units verified:

H21P 74 National 4 Classical Literature

H21N 75 National 5 Life in Classical Greece

H21P 75 National 5 Classical Literature

H21S 75 National 5 Life in the Roman World

H21S 76 Higher Life in the Roman World

H21P 76 Higher Classical Literature

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### Section 2: Comments on assessment

#### Assessment approaches

Appropriate application of the Unit assessment support pack approach to assessment was displayed. Some centres made good use of the Unit assessment support packs by making adaptations to produce assessments that took account of the guidelines in these.

Centres are encouraged to make use of SQA's prior verification service where significant changes are made to the Unit assessment support packs, or for centre-produced assessments.

[Further information on SQA's prior verification service](#)

At National 4, good practice was seen of gathering evidence in the course of a student's work. This is a natural and effective way to show that standards have been met.

## Assessment judgements

Centres displayed a good understanding of the Assessment Standards required.

Centres are reminded that material provided should clearly indicate where an assessment judgement has been made. This is helpful for verifiers in understanding the process that centres had carried out.

Where centres used marks and indicated a pass mark, they must ensure that the pass mark allocated covers the minimum standard to pass an Assessment Standard.

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## Section 3: General comments

Centres demonstrated clear evidence of their understanding the process and there was clear indication from most centres where the judgements had been made.

A few centres did not submit any evidence of an internal verification policy, although evidence of internal verification was seen.

Centres are reminded that all centres offering SQA qualifications must have an effective internal quality assurance system in place which ensures that all candidates are assessed accurately, fairly and consistently to national standards. Centres seeking guidance on internal verification should refer to [www.sqa.org.uk/IVtoolkit](http://www.sqa.org.uk/IVtoolkit)