



NQ Verification 2014–15

Key Messages Round 1

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Section 1: Verification group information

Verification group name:	Gàidhlig
Verification event/visiting information	Event
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National Courses/Units verified:

H27D 75 National 5 Analysis and Evaluation
H27E 75 National 5 Creation and Production

H27E 76 new Higher Analysis and Evaluation
H27D 76 new Higher Creation and Production

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Section 2: Comments on assessment

Assessment approaches

Centres submitted SQA-produced assessments throughout. All centres have used the Unit assessment support materials appropriately, including some adapted versions — which should be commended as these supported the candidates. A wide range of tasks were submitted, including complete Units.

Centres are reminded that re-assessment should be targeted to candidates and to Assessment Standards that have not yet been met. In instances where a candidate has not met an Assessment Standard, only that Assessment Standard should be re-assessed.

A feature of Unit assessment is that there are no time constraints to the assessments. Candidates should be supported, and allowed to complete an assessment to the best of their abilities.

It is encouraging that centres are supporting their candidates fully through speaking assessments, by fostering a natural conversation. This allows candidates to fulfil all the Assessment Standards.

Assessment judgements

Assessment judgements were generally in line with national standards, with good practice demonstrated especially by centres that implemented a strong internal verification strategy.

Judging evidence tables have been used efficiently to outline Outcomes achieved by candidates.

Clear feedback should be given to candidates on where they have/have not met the Assessment Standards. This will aid their learning, as well as aiding the verification process.

Centres should explain judgements where Assessment Standards are achieved holistically. This may include a commentary demonstrating how a candidate has achieved a specific Assessment Standard. This is important where a candidate may have (for example) achieved an Assessment Standard through a particularly full answer to a single question.

When judging writing Assessment Standards, it is helpful if centres indicate where candidates have met these; by either annotating the judging evidence table, the candidate's response, or by any other method.

All candidate evidence submitted should have clear judgements for each Outcome/Assessment Standard.

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Section 3: General comments

Some changes to the assessment are permitted without prior verification. While centres can use SQA assessments where they wish, it is permissible to devise new materials, which may be more applicable or relevant to your candidates and provide personalisation and choice. However, significant change that is considered to have altered the nature of the assessment, should be prior-verified.

A strong, clear internal verification process was evident in all centres verified. In a subject such as Gàidhlig, where there is a relatively small number of schools, and departments within schools are often a single teacher, internal verification can be difficult. Some centres have overcome this issue by linking up with other centres to good effect in order to implement internal verification.

Centres had adhered closely to an internal verification plan, which had been implemented thoroughly for all candidates.

The verification samples received included a broad range of candidate performance, which allowed verifiers to make accurate decisions on centres' judgements and provide more detailed feedback.