



Internal Assessment Report 2010: Home Economics (197)

The purpose of this report is to provide feedback to centres on verification in National Qualifications in this subject.

National Qualifications (NQ) Units

Titles/levels of NQ Units verified

Visiting

X116: Fashion and Textile Technology (Intermediate 1)
X117: Lifestyle and Consumer Technology (Intermediate 1)
X118: Health and Food Technology (Intermediate 1)

Central

D04W: Food Preparation for Healthy Eating (Intermediate 1)
D276: Preparation for Parenthood (Intermediate 1)

D269: Consumer Studies (Intermediate 2 and Higher)
D501: Consumer Studies (Higher)

D278: Pre-school Child, Food, Clothing and Play (Intermediate 1)
D271: Fashion and Textile (Intermediate 1)
D273: Fashion and Textile (Intermediate 1)

General comments

Centres verified have a clear understanding of what is expected of candidates. Verifiers commented on the high standard of work demonstrated by the majority of candidates in their practical skills. A good variety of products were produced for the assessments.

Centres provided the necessary evidence for central verification this year, proof that in the centres verified there is a clear understanding of what is expected of them.

There were no disagreements in the marking between verifiers and staff in the centres visited. This is evidence that the centres visited have a good understanding of what is expected of them, and their staff were well prepared.

In central verification, some centres still omit to send the relevant NABs for the Units, and this makes the process a bit more complicated. We hope to issue new guidelines for submission of evidence for next year's verification.

The centres which were verified at visiting and centrally all completed the necessary evidence satisfactorily. Indeed, some submitted more than required, eg photographs of candidates' work, which gave the verifiers a greater understanding of the work produced by the candidates.

All necessary paperwork was available to verifiers when they visited schools for marking practical assignments.

Assessment and internal verification was all done correctly by the centres which were verified, as there were no disagreements.

Areas of good practice

The majority of schools showed examples of safe, hygienic practices and procedures. This was particularly evident when textile work was being undertaken in a kitchen — not ideal, but necessary because of accommodation difficulties in some schools.

The facilities available to pupils as usual varied, but the verifiers all agreed that the candidates had been well trained and worked well in the facilities they had available to them.

Centres are to be complimented on the high standard of practical work shown on the visits.

Areas for improvement

In one centre there were hygiene issues, with bags on tables and pupils wearing long scarves and outside jackets during a practical textile lesson. Centres must ensure that correct, safe and hygienic practices are followed at all times.