



NQ Verification 2015–16 Key Messages Round 2

Section 1: Verification group information

Verification group name:	Chinese (Mandarin Simplified)
Verification event/visiting information	Event
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National Courses/Units verified:

H22B 74	National 4	Added value unit
C745 75	National 5	Performance: talking (IACCA*)
C745 76	Higher	Performance: talking (IACCA)

*Internally assessed component of course assessment

Section 2: Comments on assessment

Assessment approaches

The approach to assessment was valid and accepted in all centres that were selected for verification. Centres used different assessment tasks appropriately to assess candidates.

Most centres used a candidate assessment record for each candidate to log assessment details. This is to be commended.

Interlocutors were encouraging and supportive. They made good use of prompts, where necessary.

Centres are encouraged to use a wider variety of open questions to give candidates the opportunity to express views and opinions. While it is expected that candidates will be well prepared for the internally assessed component of course

assessment (IACCA), it is important that assessors give them the opportunity to deal with unexpected elements.

Assessment judgements

It is reassuring to report that the assessment judgments made by assessors in all centres were 'accepted'. The overall standard of candidate performance was very high.

The assessment judgments were reliable and marks were awarded in line with national standards. The assessors made effective use of the marking instructions and demonstrated a good knowledge of how to apply these in awarding marks to each candidate.

All the centres that were selected for external verification included a breakdown of marks for presentation, conversation and the ability to sustain the conversation/performance.

Most centres provided detailed assessor commentary, which is very helpful to external verifiers and other practitioners and may be used to give feedback to candidates.

It is important that assessors apply the same assessment standards to all candidates, whether they are native or non-native speakers.

Section 3: General comments

All the centres that were selected for external verification provided good evidence of effective internal verification, which is to be commended.

For the purpose of external verification, it would be helpful if:

- ◆ centres completed the candidate evidence flyleaf accurately and arranged candidate evidence packets in alphabetical order
- ◆ centres entered the correct course code and level code for all candidates on the Verification Sample Form