



National Qualifications 2011 Internal Assessment Report Home Economics

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

National Qualifications (NQ) awards

Titles/levels of NQ awards verified

Central verification

D269 Health and Food Technology: Consumer Studies (Intermediate 2 and Higher)

D271 Health and Food Technology: Resource Management (Higher)

D278 10 Lifestyle and Consumer Technology: Pre-School Child Clothing and Play (Intermediate 1)

D276 Lifestyle and Consumer Technology: Preparation for Parenthood (Intermediate 1)

D501 Lifestyle and Consumer Technology: Consumer Studies (Higher)

D273 Fashion and Textile Technology: Developing Craft Skills in Textiles (Intermediate 1)

D04W Food Preparation for Healthy Eating (Intermediate 1)

Visiting verification

X116 Fashion and Textile Technology (Intermediate 1)

X117 Lifestyle and Consumer Technology (Intermediate 1)

X118 Health and Food Technology (Intermediate 1)

General comments

All the centres that were verified had a clear and accurate understanding of the requirements of the national standards.

All schools visited were Accepted and there were no disagreements in marking. A good variety of products were manufactured, demonstrating a wide range of skills. At central verification, only one centre was Not Accepted and this was rectified after the centre was contacted and the problems explained.

Course Arrangements documents, Unit specifications, instruments of assessment and exemplification materials

There seems to be no problem in this area as all centres submitted the correct documentation for central verification and all the centres used for visiting verification had all the necessary documentation available for the exercises to be carried out effectively.

Evidence Requirements

The majority of centres were Accepted and commended on their practice by the Verifiers at central verification.

All candidates produced suitable items during visiting verification and demonstrated a range of skills showing that centres do have a clear understanding of what is expected of them.

Administration of assessments

All assessments verified were at the correct level and several schools demonstrated that they had undertaken internal verification.

Areas of good practice/areas for improvement

All centres continue to promote excellent hygienic practice in food preparation.

Safety standards were also excellent in food and textiles with candidates showing good practice.

The facilities available for candidates were varied, but there was general agreement with the Verifiers that staff and pupils in centres all worked to the best of their abilities to produce excellent results.

Specific areas for improvement

In some of the written assessments, particularly at Higher level, some of the answers accepted by centres just reached the minimum standard required. More attention should be taken by centres to ensure the level of answer is appropriate to the level being assessed.