



**National Qualifications 2013
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) Units

Titles/levels of NQ Units verified:

Visiting

- X116 Fashion and Textile Technology
- X117 Lifestyle and Consumer Technology
- X118 Health and Food Technology

Central

- D278 Lifestyle and Consumer Technology: Pre-School Child — level 10
- D269 Health and Food Technology: Consumer Studies — levels 11/12
- D501 Lifestyle and Consumer Technology: Consumer Studies — levels 11/12
- D04W Health and Food Technology: Food preparation for Healthy Eating — level 10
- D276 Lifestyle and Consumer Studies: Preparation for Parenthood — level 10

General comments

Centres have a clear and accurate understanding of what is required to meet national standards.

Unit specifications, instruments of assessment and exemplification materials

During visiting verification, all centres were familiar with the Course Arrangements and there were no disagreements. This was particularly pleasing as in some centres staff were marking with an SQA Verifier for the first time.

At central verification, a minority of centres seemed unfamiliar with what is expected and had to be asked to submit further evidence. It is important that centres familiarise themselves with the documentation that has to be submitted for verification purposes.

Evidence Requirements

The majority of centres have a clear understanding of what is expected; however, in a minority of cases, centres were accepting responses from their candidates which were clearly not acceptable for the level at which they were being presented, eg not enough detail at Higher level. In centres where answers were acceptable, but not given on the marking scheme, these were clearly annotated as 'VP' (valid point). This made the marking/verification exercise very straightforward.

Administration of assessments

The majority of centres are competent in the way they administer assessment. It was pleasing to see clear evidence of cross marking in centres and they are to be commended for this. It is important to ensure that marking schemes are

submitted for the NABs used as this makes the verification process easier. All schemes are returned to centres after verification.

Areas of good practice

Safe and hygienic practices continue to be shown when visiting centres and they are to be commended for this.

It was good to see evidence of cross marking/internal verification from some centres. Centres are encouraged to undertake this practice.

Excellent levels of skills in food preparation and working with textiles continue to be demonstrated and centres are to be complimented for this. A wide range of dishes and textile items were successfully produced.