



**National Qualifications 2013
Internal Assessment Report
Mathematics and Statistics**

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:

D321 Levels 10, 11, 12, 13

D560 – level 9

D326, D327 – level 13

D11T – level 10

General comments

- ◆ The materials submitted by centres were, in general, well presented and in good order.
- ◆ All centres used National Assessment Bank materials within NQ Courses — the centre presenting D11T used a centre-devised assessment which was valid and reliable.
- ◆ In general, thresholds were correctly applied and the marking schemes were correctly followed.

Evidence Requirements

Centres are reminded that all evidence, including failed Outcomes, should be submitted for candidates.

Administration of assessments

Where there was clear evidence of a robust internal verification process, the external verification was straightforward.

Centres are reminded that, with the exception of Access 3, the Unit assessments are to be administered holistically in the first instance.

Areas of good practice

Some centres made good use of candidate or class record sheets.

Some centres are to be commended on a rigorous internal verification process.

Many centres followed the General Marking Instructions, indicating clearly where marks were awarded.

Specific areas for improvement

In some cases the recommended Marking Instructions and symbols were being applied. These can be found in the teacher/lecturer guide within the mathematics sections of the secure website. The symbols can be used both summatively and formatively and can assist in providing feedback to candidates and in carrying out internal and external verification. In particular, the following are recommended:

- ◆ Individual ticks should be used where a mark is awarded.
- ◆ Where a mistake occurs, this should be underlined and a cross placed at the end of the line.
- ◆ Follow-through marking should be used with the possibility of full marks being awarded for working subsequent to an error.
- ◆ The total for the question, or part of a question, should appear at the end of the question and should normally tally with the number of ticks applied.

Centres are reminded to adhere to the Specific Marking Instructions.

A robust internal verification process should pick up any inaccuracies with marking. It is important that all staff are involved in this process as this will ensure uniformity of standard. One possible model for internal verification is as follows:

- ◆ The Internal Verifier re-marks, in a different colour, a sample of about 20%. The re-mark should be carried out in accordance with the Specific and General Marking Instructions. If any disagreements in marking occur, then professional dialogue between the original Marker and the Internal Verifier should take place.

Could centres please note the following:

Intermediate 2, Unit 1, Question 7: 'Make a sketch of this line on blank paper..' This is not to be done on square ruled paper.