



**National Qualifications 2014
Internal Assessment Report
Modern Studies**

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:

Political issues in the UK	DV52 09, 10, 11, 12
Social issues in the UK	DV53 09, 10, 11, 12
International issues	DV54 10, 11, 12

General comments

Modern Studies was verified at all levels across all study themes.

The evidence clearly suggests that centres are presenting candidates at the appropriate level. The verification team were delighted to observe that practitioners were working to the national standard, and that all centres fully merited the accepted classification.

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

Modern Studies as a subject requires the constant updating of course materials. Centres must also ensure that they are using the current instruments of assessment. The verification team were pleased to see that no outdated National Assessment Bank (NABs) were used during this year's round of verification. It was also noticed that all centres were consistent with their marking and that all were clearly on the national standard.

Evidence Requirements

All centres should be commended for ensuring all the required documentation was present for the verification procedures. The evidence examined clearly shows that centres are providing a high quality delivery of courses. What was also gratifying to the verifiers was the awareness that practitioners were clearly on the national standard.

Administration of assessments

The verification team were delighted to observe that all centres had carried out all assessment procedures in the correct manner. It was very pleasing to observe the high quality feedback that was being provided for candidates, and the extensive use of cross-marking. Centres must also be commended for ensuring that the regulations and procedures relating to verification were all undertaken to a high standard. There was also evidence which suggests that most, if not all, centres have introduced verification procedures into their own schools.

Areas of good practice

Cross-marking has clearly become the normal procedure for the majority of centres. As well as enhancing marking it has ensured that the national standard

is being met. Candidates are also benefiting from centres providing much more in the way of feedback, both in a positive manner if the candidate has done well, but also to explain how a candidate can improve or to correct errors. It was also noted that all centres used the most recent and up to date NABs.

Specific areas for improvement

All centres should have introduced cross-marking as it is the key component in ensuring national standards are met.