



**National Qualifications 2014
Internal Assessment Report
Photography**

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

National Courses

Titles/levels of National Courses verified:

Higher Photography

General comments

Overall, centres have an excellent grasp of the requirements for this award as shown through their candidate presentations.

Most centres are also well prepared for the new Higher in 2014–15.

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

Feedback from visiting verifiers indicates that centres fully understand the requirements of the Units and the application of the instruments of assessment — and how these elements fit in to the overall project-based award.

Evidence Requirements

The evidence produced fulfilled the requirements of the Course.

Administration of assessments

Internal assessment was carried out effectively within centres offering the Units and Course. In centres with just one member of staff teaching Photography, the use of school networks has produced excellent internal verification systems. These have also benefited staff development.

Areas of good practice

The development of effective and relevant workbooks continues to improve. The practical element shows greater depth when effective workbook research has been carried out.

Specific areas for improvement

Print quality continues to be an area of concern with images produced on low-quality material, digital file sizes being stretched beyond useable size. The use of non-photographic quality printing devices also adds to the problem.

This element of the Course has shown little improvement over the last two years.

National Qualifications (NQ) Units

Titles/levels of NQ Units verified:

Mandatory Units: Basic Camera, Research

General comments

All centres visited clearly understand the requirements for the mandatory Units and how elements of these can be integrated into the PBNC.

Unit specifications, instruments of assessment and exemplification materials

All centres are using the most up-to-date Unit specifications and most use the available NABs. Some centres are using prior approval of instruments of assessment to allow the Units to meet the needs of specific Courses.

Evidence Requirements

Evidence was well presented and fully addressed the requirements of the Units.

Administration of assessments

Internal verification and centre assessment systems continue to keep the candidates informed of their progress through the Units.

Areas of good practice

Integration continues to produce effective results and allows the candidates to see how skills from the Units are applied within the PBNC project.

Specific areas for improvement

There are no areas of concern, however much work is being carried out in preparation for the new Higher, and therefore the new Units.