



**National Qualifications 2013  
Internal Assessment Report  
Physical Education**

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:

DF2R Analysis and Development of Performance (levels 10, 11, 12 and 13)

DF2T Performance (levels 11, 12 and 13)

## General comments

### Performance Unit

Centres had a clear understanding of the requirements necessary to achieve the national standard in the Performance Unit.

All 14 centres that were verified for this Unit successfully achieved the necessary standard and were well prepared in terms of organisation and having the necessary materials ready for verification.

Visiting verification for the Performance Unit is well established and embedded within centres. Staff and candidates are comfortable with the necessary procedures required when carrying out this process.

There is clear evidence of consistency between assessors and staff in centres in terms of practical performance marks being awarded when assessing candidates.

### Analysis and Development of Performance Unit

Thirty-seven centres were selected for the Analysis and Development Unit for central verification. Eight centres were required to resubmit evidence in order to have their verification Accepted.

Thirty-one centres were selected for the Analysis and Development Unit for visiting verification. Three centres were required to resubmit evidence in order to have their verification Accepted.

In all cases, all resubmitted evidence was Accepted.

## Unit specifications, instruments of assessment and exemplification materials

All centres were well prepared and had taken the time to look at the Exemplification of Performance DVDs at Intermediate 1 and Higher in relation to the national standard.

In the Analysis and Development of Performance Unit, assessors had a clear understanding of Unit specifications as all necessary procedures and materials were used.

Most centres know the requirements for the Unit and provided correct and suitable evidence for central verification to take place. Most centres were using SQA NAB001, NAB002 and NAB003, which allowed the process to proceed successfully.

### **Evidence Requirements**

Centres had a clear understanding of the Evidence Requirements in both Units. This was clearly demonstrated in both visiting and central verification.

In visiting verification for the Performance Unit, the majority of centres had the correct paperwork available and correctly completed — which aids the process.

For both central and visiting verification for the Analysis Unit, centres had submitted the correct documentation completed appropriately.

### **Administration of assessments**

It is evident that cross-verification was being carried out in departments where more than one member of staff was teaching the Course. This ensures consistency in the application of national standards.

For the Performance Unit, many centres have spreadsheets showing candidates' marks in the activities they have been involved in.

For the Analysis Unit, many centres have available a detailed breakdown of each candidate's marks for each Outcome as well as marks achieved for the overall Unit.

### **Areas of good practice**

Centres selected for visiting verification are very good at making contact with Verifiers prior to the visit to discuss arrangements to ensure the verification goes smoothly on the actual day.

For the Performance Unit, centres often had other members of staff assisting the visiting verification, allowing the member of staff carrying out the assessment to concentrate on this. This allowed the whole process to flow smoothly on the day.

In the Analysis Unit, more centres are now making comments on the work of their candidates in terms of where marks were awarded, the quality of work and where more detail was required. This greatly assists the Verifier when assessing a centre's work.

### **Specific areas for improvement**

Centres should continue to look at the SQA's website to make sure they are familiar with current materials which are being produced to help candidates and staff in the verification process. Many Verifiers found that staff members did not

know about the new SQA NAB003 available for Intermediate 1 and Intermediate 2 level candidates.

There is a small minority of centres using prelim examinations as evidence for the Analysis Unit. Centres should realise that this type of evidence is not acceptable for this Unit as it does not fulfil the requirements as laid out in the Arrangements documents.

If centres use alternative assessment instruments other than verified or SQA NABs they must ensure that the instrument satisfies all the Outcomes and Performance Criteria necessary as indicated in the Arrangements documents.