



NQ Verification 2015/16 Key Messages Round 2

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Section 1: Verification group information

Verification group name:	Philosophy
Verification event/visiting information	Postal
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National Courses/Units verified:

There was only a limited selection in this round of verification. All evidence was from the *Arguments in Action* Units — one at National 5 and the other at Higher.

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Section 2: Comments on assessment

Assessment approaches

The evidence at Higher used a prior verified assessment while the National 5 candidate evidence was generated using a unit assessment support pack downloaded from SQA's secure site. Both assessments were based on a unit-by-unit approach.

The evidence was gathered from summative tests rather than arising naturally from the learning process.

Assessment judgements

The judgement of the candidate evidence for Higher Philosophy was in line with national standards.

The National 5 evidence contained many examples which met the required standard, however these were often overlooked.

Section 3: General comments

Please note that these comments relate to a sample of only two centres:

- ◆ Centres have developed their own internal verification procedures. These procedures varied in robustness and effectiveness.
- ◆ Centres are continuing to formally test candidates rather than gathering naturally occurring evidence.
- ◆ A more holistic approach to marking could help to ensure that candidate evidence was accurately assessed and that candidates were credited with achievements made.