



NQ Verification 2014–15 Key Messages Round 1

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Section 1: Verification group information

Verification group name:	Hospitality: Practical Cake Craft
Verification event/visiting information	Event
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National Courses/Units verified:

H20F 75 National 5 Hospitality: Practical Cake Craft — Cake Baking
H20G 75 National 5 Hospitality: Practical Cake Craft — Cake Finishing

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Section 2: Comments on assessment

Assessment approaches

All centres selected were following the current Unit assessment support packs and most had implemented the Unit by Unit approach. Assessment approaches were valid and reliable.

In order to fully meet Assessment Standard 1.1, the stages of baking flow chart must be completed prior to the candidates undertaking the practical task and it should not be a rewrite of the recipe. The plan is a prompt and should be used in conjunction with the recipe at the time of baking.

If using the combined Unit approach, to fully meet Assessment Standards 1.1 and 1.2 stages of baking section, candidates must plan both the baking and finishing of the gingerbread house, detailing how they will apply their chosen finishing decorating techniques.

In the Cake Baking Unit, Outcome 2 — Bake a range of cakes and other chosen items — several centres had chosen to bake tiffin; this is not a baked item. The tray bake chosen should be a baked item, eg millionaire's shortbread, lemon drizzle slab, carrot cake slab, iced ginger cake, bakewell slice, or chocolate brownie.

Assessment judgements

Most assessment judgements were valid and reliable. However, in Assessment Standard 2.4 — Cooling, storing and evaluating the baked items — many assessors made incorrect assessment decisions.

The majority of candidates struggled to successfully complete the evaluation pages of both Units. Comments require to be qualified with 'so', 'as', 'therefore' or 'because' to fully meet Assessment Standard 2.4. See examples of evaluative statements in the Unit assessment support pack.

Most centres submitted evidence with clear signs of personalised comments on candidates' scripts by both the assessor and the internal verifier. This supports and explains how the assessment judgement had been reached.

It was encouraging to observe that most centres had submitted high quality colour photographic evidence, as this demonstrates a clear representation of the candidate's work.

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Section 3: General comments

Not all candidates had completed the written part of the task in ink. Best practice would be for candidates to write in ink or to word process the booklet.

The majority of centres provided evidence of robust internal verification procedures but this was not always effective. In some instances, incorrect judgements made by the assessor were not identified by the internal verifier.

It is helpful to distinguish between assessor and internal verifier comments. This could be done using different coloured inks.

It would be good practice to submit a sample of scripts that have been internally verified.

Centres may find it useful to refer to the [SQA Internal Verification Toolkit](#) which shows a possible approach to internal verification.