



NQ verification 2022–23 round 1

Qualification verification summary report

Section 1: verification group information

Verification group name:	Science
Verification activity:	Event
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National Units verified

Unit code	Unit level	Unit title
H267 73	National 3	Science: Fragile Earth
H267 74	National 4	Science: Fragile Earth
H268 73	National 3	Science: Human Health
H268 74	National 4	Science: Human Health
H269 73	National 3	Applications of Science
H269 74	National 4	Applications of Science

Section 2: comments on assessment

Assessment approaches

We removed the requirement to complete outcome 1 for unit assessments at National 3 and National 4 for session 2022–23. We also removed the requirement to complete the National 4 added value unit for session 2022–23. For more information, refer to the [National Course modification summary: Science](#).

Centres selected for verification of National 3 and National 4 Science units submitted evidence for outcome 2 only.

All centres verified used the most up-to-date and appropriate unit assessment support (UAS) packs.

We updated some UAS packs in 2022 and centres must check that they are using the most up-to-date assessments.

Assessment judgements

In general, most centres' judgements were appropriate. Most centres used a test with a 50% cut-off score to assess outcome 2, which is good practice.

Centres should ensure that assessors annotate candidate evidence to show where the candidate has achieved a particular mark. It is good practice for the internal verifier to also annotate candidate evidence. This practice is helpful for candidates and verifiers.

Annotating marking instructions clarifies where centres are accepting alternative answers. This is useful for subsequent years and further discussions during internal verification activities.

Centres should use the published examples to clarify their knowledge of national standards for assessment, and they can incorporate these examples into their internal verification approach. It is also good practice to use the [Internal Verification Toolkit](#).

Section 3: general comments

Most centres verified this session had a good understanding of national standards. Almost all centres provided candidate evidence that had been internally verified.

The most effective internal verification processes record assessment judgements and include annotations on the candidates' evidence or an attached form.

Centres should use the checklist provided to ensure that they include all appropriate SQA documentation in their external verification pack. It is especially important that the candidate evidence flyleaf is completed correctly and attached to the candidate evidence.