



NQ Verification 2017–18

Key Messages Round 1

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Section 1: Verification group information

Verification group name:	Business Management
Verification event/visiting information	Event
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National Courses/Units verified:

SCQF level 5, Higher and Advanced Higher

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Section 2: Comments on assessment

Assessment approaches

In all cases the centres that were verified are handling the unit assessments appropriately following the guidelines in the unit assessment support packs.

There were some excellent examples of pupil responses, where candidates demonstrated achievements that were well beyond the minimum required. This shows that centres are now familiar with the procedures and approaches to unit assessments.

Out of the seven centres verified, all were 'accepted' and there was evidence that they were adept at using the unit assessments.

Assessment judgements

Centres demonstrated a good knowledge of the assessment judgements and applied them correctly to the tasks. In a few cases centres are obviously encouraging candidates to develop responses and give more than the minimum required, which is an excellent example of good practice.

At Advanced Higher the level of responses required are fairly detailed and centres should refer to the assessment judgements column for an indication of the level of response.

The vast majority of centres had good evidence of internal verification and it is hoped this will continue in the future. There were some centres where discussions had taken place between the original marker and the internal verifier. This again is an excellent idea and shows good practice.

In a few cases centres are still not using brackets and ticks to show the start and end of a correct response. Using square brackets to indicate where marks are awarded is an example of good practice. By using brackets and ticks it helps the learner to see where marks have been awarded and shows the verifier where the centre feels a correct response exists. Some centres are still only placing a tick in the margin or in the middle of a response which makes the verification process more difficult.

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Section 3: General comments

The organisation of the verification materials is to be commended and all centres included the relevant evidence which makes the verification process much easier.

Internal verification was evident from all centres and this again is an example of good practice that should be continued in future years. Centres should continue to internally verify a sample of assessed work, around one-third of the sample would constitute good practice. Use of a pro forma to show any discussions on marking is also a sensible approach and shows good practice.