



NQ Verification 2016–17

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:

National 3, National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher

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Section 2: Comments on assessment

Assessment approaches

In most cases centres are now handling the unit assessments appropriately and are following the guidelines in the unit assessment support packs.

There were some excellent examples of candidate responses, especially at Advanced Higher. This shows that centres are now familiar with the procedures and approaches to unit assessments.

The majority of centres assessed the evidence to the national standard and in many cases the candidates were able to display a degree of 'headroom' in their responses.

Assessment judgements

Centres demonstrated a good knowledge of the assessment judgements and applied them correctly to the tasks. However, some centres are still not focusing on the assessment judgement column to make appropriate decisions on responses. In a few cases, centres are accepting responses which it was felt should be better developed by candidates.

At Advanced Higher the level of response required is 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 would continue in the future.

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 placed a tick 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 most centres are including all the relevant evidence, which makes the process much easier.

Internal verification was evident in most 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.