

# NQ Verification 2016–17

## Key Messages Round 2

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### Section 1: Verification group information

Verification group name:	Gàidhlig
Verification event/visiting information	Event
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#### National Courses/Units verified:

C732 75 National 5 Gàidhlig Performance: Talking

C732 76 Higher Gàidhlig Performance: Talking

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### Section 2: Comments on assessment

#### Assessment approaches

Most centres used an approach where the interlocutor was sympathetic to the needs of the individual candidates and allowed candidates the opportunity to demonstrate a level of spontaneity allowing them to access the full range of marks.

Centres should ensure that they follow the guidance outlined in the Gàidhlig performance–talking assessment task which states that the assessment task is a conversation. Prolonged monologues as opposed to a conversation can self-penalise insofar as the ‘interaction with assessor’ element of the assessment is concerned.

It is worth noting that candidates rarely benefit from unnecessarily prolonged conversations. At National 5 the conversation should be approximately 6 minutes and at Higher approximately 10 minutes, as outlined in the ‘Guide to Assessment’.

Topics should be suitable to allow candidates to access and utilise vocabulary that is suited to the level.

## **Assessment judgements**

Centres applied judgements consistently and in line with national standards.

Most centres demonstrated strong internal verification procedures, though it is useful for verification purposes to provide a commentary outlining how the candidate has achieved the mark that has been allocated.

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## **Section 3: General comments**

Centres should note that the quality of the recording submitted for external verification should be of a suitable standard.