



NQ Verification 2016–17

Key Messages Round 1

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Section 1: Verification group information

Verification group name:	Health and Food Technology
Verification event/visiting information	Event
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National Courses/Units verified:

Unit code	Level	Unit title
H200 75/76	National 5 and Higher	Contemporary Food Issues
H1YT 73/74/75/76	National 3 to Higher	Food for Health
H1YX 75/76	National 5 and Higher	Food Product Development

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Section 2: Comments on assessment

Assessment approaches

Due to the small number of centres verified there is limited information available for comment.

All selected centres had used a valid approach to assessment, ie they had used the relevant unit assessment support packs from the SQA secure website or assessment materials derived from these.

Assessment judgements

The majority of centres are assessing their candidates in line with national standards. There are, however, a very small number of recommendations that relate to the assessment judgements, as outlined below:

Food for Health unit

- ◆ Outcome 1.3 — At National 5, candidates should explain the main effect on health of each nutrient as well as providing the function of each nutrient.
- ◆ Outcome 2.2 — At all levels, it is essential that an assessor checklist and/or signed photographic evidence is included, with commentary, to confirm that the product has been made safely and hygienically using the identified ingredients and cooking method.

Section 3: General comments

There was a high standard of candidate evidence submitted, the majority of which had been correctly judged by assessors. A number of centres provided evidence for one or two complete units for verification, which ensured that beneficial and supportive feedback could be provided. All centres are encouraged to follow this good practice if selected for verification.

Many centres had adopted a thorough approach to internal verification which went beyond cross-marking, eg notes of meetings to discuss approaches to assessment, and minutes of meetings where candidates' work was discussed in detail. Where an assessor feels the candidate has not met an assessment standard, this should be internally verified before the re-assessment activity to ensure the judgement is in line with national standards. Further advice and guidance on internal verification can be found in the SQA Internal Verification Toolkit which is available on the SQA website.

www.sqa.org.uk/IVtoolkit