

NQ Verification 2015–16 Key Messages Round 2

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Section 1: Verification group information

Verification group name:	Hospitality: Practical Cake Craft
Verification event/visiting information	Visiting
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National Courses/Units verified:

C738 75 National 5 Hospitality: Practical Cake Craft

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Section 2: Comments on assessment

Assessment approaches

Centres used the assessment approach described in the course assessment task during the practical activity. The marking instructions were applied and candidate performance was recorded appropriately.

Assessment judgements

Effective judgements were made using the marking instructions guidance. These were often enhanced by a centre-devised marking grid.

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Section 3: General comments

Centres must ensure that they are using the most up-to-date materials for assessment purposes.

In some centres there was confusion regarding 'detailed models' and 'overall quality of finished cake'. Marking had been lenient for both and the marking guidelines were not adhered to. Visiting verifiers offered support and guidance where necessary.

There was good evidence that internal verification was used effectively by most centres.

Stage one: Planning

All candidates must use the practical activity assessment task in its given format as issued by SQA. Candidates should be encouraged to create plans of work in a logical sequence with all key elements included and should not progress to stage two until these have been marked by the assessor.

Centres selected for visiting verification are reminded that the Verification Sample Form should be completed prior to the visit from the visiting verifier team leader. Evidence of up to 12 candidates' finished cakes and pro formas should be marked by the assessor and internally verified prior to the visit.

Stage two: Implementing

Marks awarded for implementing were consistent in most instances and in line with the national standard. Many assessors included comments/justification against marks achieved, which provided constructive feedback for candidates.

Some candidates limited the number of marks they could have accessed by selecting only three finishing techniques. Cake finishing techniques such as modelling and piping should be assessed in line with current marking instructions.

Stage three: Evaluating

Candidates should be encouraged to use appropriate evaluative comments and not just statements.

The national standard has been maintained by the majority of centres verified.