



NQ Verification 2017–18

Key Messages Round 1

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Section 1: Verification group information

Verification group name:	Latin
Verification event/visiting information	Postal
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National Courses/Units verified:

Unit code	Level	Unit title
H21F 73	National 3	Translating
H21F 75	SCQF level 5	Translating
H21F 76	Higher	Translating

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Section 2: Comments on assessment

Assessment approaches

Centres made effective use of unit assessment support packs and it was pleasing to see that approaches to assessment were valid and accepted.

If unit assessment support packs are used, no other evidence of assessment approach is necessary.

Assessment judgements

Centres made effective use of judging evidence tables within the unit assessment support packs, and assessment judgements were reliable and in line with national standards.

In Translating, centres are reminded that the 2-1-0 system is recommended when assessing candidates. It is also advisable to give a clear indication of the mark for each block on the candidate script and a total score.

It is also good to mark clearly on the script where a candidate has not been precise enough in translating a block.

Section 3: General comments

Centres had robust procedures in place for internal verification, which is gratifying to see. There was clear evidence of professional dialogue between assessor and internal verifier, even when they were not from the same centre. This was especially useful in clarifying how assessment judgements were reached when there were discrepancies between assessor and internal verifier.

It is encouraging to see new centres presenting Latin candidates, often in innovative ways, including distance learning and at National 3 level.

Centres are reminded that exemplification materials for units are published in the Understanding Standards section of the SQA secure website. SQA may be contacted directly for additional advice and support.