National Qualifications 2014
Internal Assessment Report
Media Studies

The purpose of this report is to provide feedback to centres on verification in National Qualifications in this subject.

National Courses

Titles/levels of National Courses verified:

Media Studies (Higher and Intermediate 2)

General comments

All centres sampled showed a clear understanding of the Unit requirements and what is required to achieve national standards.

Course Arrangements, Unit specifications, instruments of assessment and exemplification materials

All centres verified showed a clear understanding of the Unit specifications as set out in the relevant conditions and Arrangement documents. Centres used or adapted SQA published assessment instruments and appropriately judged the evidence submitted against the national standard.

Evidence Requirements

All centres verified complied with the evidence requirements set out in the Unit specifications. The candidate evidence submitted reflected that understanding.

Administration of assessments

Assessments were administered at the appropriate level taking into account the candidate's ability. Evidence provided by the centres showed that they had followed the Unit specifications closely and had used the marking guidance set out in the specifications to make appropriate assessment judgements.

In many cases there was evidence of internal verification through comments on the candidate's work.

Areas of good practice

Most centres gave detailed feedback to each candidate, which included suggestions as to how to develop responses and improve or maintain performance levels.

Most centres used detailed checklists with comment boxes to provide support for candidates. These checklists also inform both internal and external verification ensuring consistency of approach and fairness of opportunity for candidates.

Specific areas for improvement

There are no specific areas for improvement as all centres verified were working at the appropriate standard.