



**National Qualifications 2015
Internal Assessment Report
Modern 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:

Political Issues in the UK DV52 10, 11, 12

Social Issues in the UK DV53 10, 11, 12

International Issues DV54 10, 11, 12

General comments

Modern Studies was verified at levels 10, 11 and 12.

The Verification Team were pleased to observe that Practitioners were presenting Candidates at the appropriate level, were working to the National Standard and that all Centres fully merited the accepted classification.

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

Modern Studies, as a subject, requires the constant update of course materials. Centres need to ensure that they are using the current Instruments of Assessments. The Verification Team were pleased that current National Assessment Bank (NABs) were used and that all Centres were consistent with their marking and were clearly operating the National Standards.

Evidence Requirements

All the required documentation was present which enabled the verification procedures to take place; Centres are commended for this. It is clear from the evidence examined that Centres are providing high quality delivery of courses. Verifiers were gratified to see that Centres were clearly on the National Standard.

Administration of assessments

All Centres had carried out assessment procedures in the correct manner. It was pleasing to observe the high quality feedback which was being provided for Candidates and would allow them to progress their learning; cross marking played a major part in this. Centres were commended for ensuring that the regulations and procedures pertaining to verification were undertaken to a high

standard. Evidence suggested that nearly all schools have introduced rigorous internal verification procedures.

Areas of good practice

Cross marking seems to be established in nearly all centres; this not only enhances marking but it ensures that the National Standard is being met.

Centres are providing Candidates with quality feedback when they have done well, but also by explaining how they can improve or correct errors in order to progress learning.

All Centres used the most recent up to date assessments (NABs).

Specific areas for improvement

Centres should continue to develop their own Internal Verification Procedures which are in line with National Standards