



National Qualifications 2015 Internal Assessment Report

Philosophy

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:

C268 12 Philosophy (Higher)

C268 11 Philosophy (Intermediate 2)

General comments

Centres have a clear and adequate grasp of the requirements of the national standards for both Higher Philosophy and Intermediate 2 Philosophy.

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

Assessors in centres demonstrated sound knowledge and familiarity with Course Arrangements documents, including Unit specifications, instruments of assessment and relevant exemplification materials.

Evidence Requirements

Evidence requirements are clearly understood by centres.

Administration of assessments

A number of centres displayed excellent evidence of internal verification procedures. There were a number of instances of internal verification meetings and cross-marking meetings.

Areas of good practice

A number of centres displayed good evidence of helpful comments being given to candidates as feedback on their work.

Specific areas for improvement

A general point of recommendation is that markers adhere to the SQA marking schemes and SQA-supplied glossary when marking scripts.

Where centres do not cross-mark it is recommended that they consider implementing strategies to do so. When cross-marking, scripts should be double ticked as this provides stronger evidence during the external verification process. Cross-marking can help achieve a consistent standard of assessment and can build confidence in markers.

Markers also should consider providing an overall summary statement of strengths and weaknesses as feedback to candidates at the end of their scripts.