



NQ Verification 2015–16 Key Messages Round 1

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Section 1: Verification group information

Verification group name:	Philosophy
Verification event/visiting information	Event
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National Courses/Units verified:

H24J 75	National 5	Arguments in Action
H24K 75	National 5	Knowledge and Doubt
H24M 75	National 5	Moral Philosophy
H24J 76	Higher	Arguments in Action
H24K 76	Higher	Knowledge and Doubt
H24M 76	Higher	Moral Philosophy

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Section 2: Comments on assessment

Assessment approaches

The majority of centres sent evidence from the Arguments in Action Unit as this is likely to be the first Unit attempted by candidates.

With only one exception, centres used unchanged Unit assessment support packs (UASPs) or UASPs with only very minor, and therefore no significant, changes.

The UASPs used were Package 1, the Unit-by-Unit approach to assessment.

There was evidence to suggest that assessments were being used, and so evidence was being gathered from summative tests rather than arising naturally out of the learning process.

Assessment judgements

Judgements were mainly in line with national standards.

Centre's whose judgements were not in line with national standards had only minor adjustments to make in order to be consistent with national standards.

All resubmissions were successful.

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Section 3: General comments

Generally, centres have developed their own internal verification (IV) procedures which are robust and effective.

It seems that centres are continuing to 'test' candidates rather than 'gather evidence'.

All of the UASPs could be amended in a number of ways to make them more relevant for candidates in generating the required evidence.