



Qualification Verification Summary Report

NQ Verification 2018–19

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Section 1: Verification group information

Verification group name:	Physical Education
Verification event/visiting information	Mixed
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National Courses/Units verified:

H254 73	National 3	Factors Impacting on Performance
H252 73	National 3	Performance Skills
H252 74	National 4	Performance Skills
C856 75	National 5	Performance — course assessment
C856 76	Higher	Performance — course assessment
C756 77	Advanced Higher	Performance — course assessment

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Section 2: Comments on assessment

Assessment approaches

For the unit H254 Factors Impacting on Performance, centres used the template contained in the unit assessment support package unit-by-unit version.

For H252 National 3 Performance Skills and H252 National 4 Performance Skills, centres set up a variety of activities to allow candidates to perform a range of skills at both levels. In all cases, candidates were assessed in an appropriate context as centres knew their candidates' abilities.

For this year's verification of course assessment performance at National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher, centres were asked that, where possible, the verification should take place using the centre's most commonly assessed activity. This was not possible in some centres with smaller numbers who offered a range of activities. For the verification visits, centres set up suitably demanding contexts which allowed candidates to demonstrate skills across all assessment items and a range of activities were seen.

Assessment judgements

For unit H254 National 3 Factors Impacting on Performance, centres should ensure candidates follow the process: gathering of data; relating it to strengths and areas of development; working through a development plan; including monitoring progress and then finding if any progress has been made to allow for new areas to be developed if necessary. This was not always the case and centres are reminded that there is exemplification on the SQA Understanding Standards website which shows the process and standard required.

For H252 National 3 Performance Skills and H252 National 4 Performance Skills, all candidates' performances were judged correctly by the centres. Some candidates who had been entered at National 3 level showed the ability to perform at National 4 in the activity verified. When the performance was discussed, centres agreed that National 3 candidates who had performed at the National 4 level would be re-entered at National 4 if the candidate had a second, significantly different, activity in which they could perform at the National 4 level.

For the course assessment performance at National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher, most centres met the national standard and were within tolerance of the visiting verifier's marks. Some centres were outwith tolerance in their judgements and were required to revisit their marks for the entire cohort and adjust the marks where necessary. Each centre in this situation received feedback and support to ensure they marked to the national standard. Centres are reminded that there is exemplification on the SQA secure site where there are a number of videos available with accompanying commentaries.

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Section 3: General comments

Many centres had comprehensive evidence of rigorous internal verification for all units and courses verified and much of the performance assessment was carried out by two assessors. Internal verification folders form a useful resource within a centre.

The majority of centres had detailed comments for each activity assessed. This is an SQA requirement and gives a clear justification of marks, especially as the comments should be activity specific rather than just a reiteration of the criteria.