



# NQ Verification 2017–18 Key Messages Round 2

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## Section 1: Verification group information

Verification group name:	Practical Electronics
Verification event/visiting information	Visiting Verification
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### National Courses/Units verified:

H25N 74	National 4	Added Value Unit: Developing an Electronic Solution
C860 75	National 5	Practical Activity

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## Section 2: Comments on assessment

### Assessment approaches

Four centres were externally verified in Round 2 by visiting verification, two centres delivering National 4 and two centres delivering National 5.

The visits resulted in all four centres being accepted with regard to assessment approaches, as all centres verified this session used an SQA-produced assessment appropriately. Some centres give all candidates the same assessment to complete, whereas other centres allow candidates a choice from the bank of available assessments. No problems were noted as a result of recent changes to the National 5 course. The revised marking scheme for the National 5 Practical Activity has been welcomed by centres as being more precise in relation to the tasks to be performed.

### Assessment judgements

All judgements made by assessors and internal verifiers were found to be consistent across all tasks and fully aligned with national standards. The amount of detail in candidate progress records kept by assessors varied, but all had

sufficient information cross-referenced with the revised marking scheme for National 5.

There was some evidence to show that assessors had met with the relevant internal verifier to ensure a consistent interpretation of the revised marking scheme being implemented.

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### **Section 3: General comments**

The revised marking scheme for the National 5 Practical Activity has been welcomed as being more precise in relation to the tasks to be performed. Assessors experienced in practical electronics are fully conversant with the terminology employed within the marking scheme.