

**QUALIFICATION VERIFICATION
STANDARDISATION: DECISION RECORD**

**QV GROUP NAME: Computer Science & IT
NUMBER: 357 & 288**

Item number: 1

Decision: **Errors in Exemplars and ASP's.**

Put quite simply – if the centre has followed the ASP / NAB, then the External Verifier will accept the assessment decision of the centre. Irrespective of any mistakes or issues with the ASP. That is the rule to be adopted by Verification group.

Date of decision: VG meetings September 2011 & October 2012

Reference: DWD

Item number: 2

Decision: **PC Passport Units – all levels**

Where used within the NAB / ASP, multi Outcome MCQ/MRQ assessments, the sub thresholds for each Outcome are not valid and should be removed. If still in any legacy assessments they may be ignored completely, only the total figure for the overall assessment counts.

The changes to SQA assessments were discussed at previous meetings and on forum.. The reason for changes was to bring them into line with all other NQ Unit assessments whereby holistic assessment is the norm. I.e. sampling across PC's takes place. So even if in one Outcome none of the PC related questions are answered correctly, that is fully acceptable. This has been ratified with the Qualifications Manager.

Date of decision: VG Meeting October 2012

Reference: DWD

Item number: 3

Decision: **Centre query about a 2 credit unit DV6G 34 E commerce - Publishing Websites.**

This is a unit chosen from the new HN Computing Framework. The Unit Spec is dated 2006 and requires some server side scripting. Taking the date into account and the way it is worded, centre assume it was written with ASP in mind and feels using ASP rather than the more current and utilised PHP, would negate the potential benefits that this unit has to offer to the students. Question - would PHP be an acceptable language to use for this unit?

Response : - PHP would be acceptable here. As stated, it is a commonly used Web application programming language, usually together with MySQL which would cover other outcomes. The relevant Outcomes and Evidence Requirements seem quite clear, so as long as these are demonstrated within the Project, any recognised AP Language could be used.

Date of decision: 11/10/2013

Reference: DWD QST EV forum

Item number: 4

Decision: **Centre query about Unit: Digital Media Elements for Applications Code F1KS 11**

I have the SQA assessment pack but am having problems with a couple of the tasks in the practical assessment.

Assessment for creating and editing video would appear to be written with Flash in mind. Students have been working with Windows MovieMaker however one of the tasks in the assessment asks them to incorporate various digital media elements, including a vector graphic, into a video file, however MovieMaker does not recognise Vector graphic files so I need advice on how to get round this requirement.

Response: Regarding the requirement in the ASP to incorporate a vector graphic file into the application: According to the Unit Specification which is where the actual detail of what must be included is contained, this is in fact an "Evidence Requirement", therefore Evidence must be present that the candidate has performed that task.

However, it does not state that all of the elements must be in a single multimedia application. Therefore it would be in order to incorporate a vector graphic in another application from your Moviemaker one.

Date of decision: 21/04/2010

Reference: DWD EV Forum

Item number: 5

Decision: **Unit H175 34 Computer System Fundamentals (Mandatory Unit in new HNC Computing Framework and Exam component unit)**

The Unit Specification LO1 & 2 Evidence Requirement states:

Evidence Requirements for Outcomes 1 and 2

“The Evidence should be generated in controlled supervised conditions. The questions should be unseen. Candidates may have access to unlimited notes and on-line materials. Care should be taken to ensure that the answers produced are in the candidate’s own words and not copied from another source.”

The ASP Exemplar states: in Conditions of assessment

“Assessment 1 (covering Outcomes 1 and 2) to be carried out under controlled supervised conditions. Candidates may have access to unlimited notes and online materials.”

The Evidence Requirement on ASP has not been copied in full from the Unit Spec. Neither are there any Assessment Guidelines added.

Response: To interpret from the Unit Specification. Questions are unseen and answers must be in the candidates own words. To allow candidates online access at the time of assessment would trivialise the assessment. This would not demonstrate Knowledge. Also for manipulations, they would be able to use online conversion tools.

The Assessment should be read as having the following phrase inserted “The Materials should be prepared by themselves”. (I got this statement from the HN Unit Writers Guide)

(From DWD - main interpretation is:

On-line materials does not mean on-line access at the time of assessment.

Also I noted that sampling is not mentioned in the Unit Spec but is used in the ASP.

In this case I would go along with the ASP and apply the 60% sample.)

EV's - Tobe Aware when sampling and remember this is a “New” template unit; several centres have already highlighted this item. Unit going to QST for review

Date of decision: 09/10/2013

Reference: EV Forum