



# Qualification Verification Summary Report

## NQ Verification 2018–19

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### Section 1: Verification group information

Verification group name:	Science
Verification event/visiting information:	Event (Round 2)
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#### National Units verified:

H26A 74      National 4      Science Assignment — added value unit

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### Section 2: Comments on assessment

#### Assessment approaches

Almost all centres used the most up to date and appropriate unit assessment support pack (UASP).

One centre was still using the outdated UASP with the old judging the evidence table (JET). It is not acceptable to use outdated UASPs.

One centre was using a basic outcome 1 and marked this against the JET. This is not considered an acceptable approach.

One centre was using a Science research project that was not related to the course. This was marked against the JET, which was not acceptable. The research project should cover an area related to the course.

#### Assessment judgements

Centres should ensure that candidate scripts are annotated by the assessor to show where a particular assessment standard has been achieved. It would be good practice for the internal verifier to also annotate scripts. This is helpful for both candidates and verifiers.

Centres should also record reasons for judgements in a clear manner for verification purposes. There were some inconsistencies within centres, although in general they were in line with the standards.

Centres should use the published exemplars to help clarify their own knowledge of how to achieve an assessment standard. This can be incorporated into the internal verification approach. Centres are also reminded that it is good practice to use of the Internal Verification Toolkit ([www.sqa.org.uk/IVtoolkit](http://www.sqa.org.uk/IVtoolkit)).

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## **Section 3: General comments**

Centres are advised that it would be effective during their internal verification process to record decisions through discussion with appropriate statements on the candidate's work or attached pro-forma.

Centres are also advised that all appropriate SQA documentation must be provided within the external verification pack. There are checklists provided to advise what this entails. It is especially important that each candidate evidence flyleaf is completed correctly and attached to each candidate's work.