



NQ Verification 2013–14

Key Message Reports

Verification group name:	Classical Studies
Levels	N4 and N5
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This Report combines all Verification Key Messages for the academic session 2013-14.



NQ Verification 2013–14 Key Messages Round 1

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Section 1: Verification group information

Verification group name:	Classical Studies
Verification event/visiting information	Event
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National Courses/Units/Awards verified:

National 5 Classical Studies: H21N 75: Life in Classical Greece

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Section 2: Comments on assessment

Assessment approaches

Appropriate application of the Unit assessment support pack approach to assessment was displayed, although the Assessment Standard use of 'a source' had been reasonably met with complementary sources in one of the packages examined.

Assessment judgements

Across the examples examined, there was clear recognition of the standards required. While judgements were acceptable, the nature of responses in, say, a mind-map type of response made for a wide range of potentially 'correct' comments.

It was thought appropriate that where, for example, two points are required to meet an Assessment Standard, it would be good practice for the assessor to set

the Standard code (eg 1.2) beside the two 'best' points. In support of this, it could be said that sometimes 'differences' could have been more explicit in definition (1.2).

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Section 3: General comments

The samples under examination did not provide explicit evidence of internal verification, especially in those items which had been submitted as 'interim' items.

The examples, accordingly, would not at this stage provide areas of good practice for dissemination but could, with appropriate documentation, be developed

NQ Verification 2013–14 Key Messages Round 2

01 Section 1: Verification group information

Verification group name:	Classical Studies
Verification event/visiting information	Event
Date published:	March 2014

National Courses/Units verified:

Unit H21P National 4

Unit H21N National 5

02 Section 2: Comments on assessment

Assessment approaches

For both Units that were verified in round 2, centres had used Unit assessment support package 1.

Assessment judgements

There was clear evidence of centres making appropriate assessment judgements based on observable responses.

03 Section 3: General comments

It was encouraging that centres submitted annotated candidate evidence to show which responses had been judged to meet specific Assessment Standards. This allowed for clearer indication of candidates' success.

It was very encouraging to see the high standard of candidate achievement at both levels.