



NQ verification 2022–23 round 1

Qualification verification summary report

Section 1: verification group information

Verification group name:	Graphic Communication
Verification activity:	Event
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National Units verified

Unit code	Unit level	Unit title
H27V 74	National 4	2D Graphic Communication
H27W 74	National 4	3D and Pictorial Graphic Communication

Section 2: comments on assessment

Assessment approaches

Most centres used SQA's unit assessment support pack (Package 1: combined approach). It was also good to see several centres using their own centre-devised versions. Most used a combined approach, while a few centres used either a unit-by-unit approach or a portfolio approach.

If creating centre-devised unit assessments, centres must take care not to exceed the level of difficulty for National 4. There were some instances of centres using National 5 assessment materials for National 4 candidates.

Centres must send sufficient evidence to enable verification of interim evidence. Guidance on the amount of evidence required is available in the [Verification Submission Guidance \(Units\)](#) document.

The following is an extract from p6:

Sufficient assessment judgements

Whether or not evidence is sufficient is ultimately decided by the verifier. Typical indicators of sufficient evidence include the following.

- ◆ Assessed evidence is available for assessment standards that comprise the majority of a unit.
- ◆ Assessed evidence is available for assessment standards in two or more combined units.
- ◆ Assessed evidence is available for most assessment standards in a unit across the sampled candidates.

Typical indicators of insufficient evidence include the following.

- ◆ Assessed evidence is available for only a minority of assessment standards in a unit.
- ◆ Evidence is only provided against incomplete assessment standards.

If centres are uncertain that they are able to provide sufficient assessed evidence for verification, they should contact the NQ Verification Team (nqverification@sqa.org.uk).

Assessment judgements

Most centres verified had correctly applied the national standards to their judgements. A very few centres had been too lenient or severe in their judgements for one or two outcomes at this level.

In some centres, candidates had achieved passes in some outcomes, but they had not been credited for this in the judgements submitted.

Section 3: general comments

2D Graphic Communication unit (outcomes 1.5 and 2.3) and 3D and Pictorial Graphic Communication unit (outcomes 1.4 and 2.4) — if the evidence is oral, centres must supply a transcript of the conversation with the candidate to allow verification of any judgements made.

Almost all centres had evidence of internal verification, although this did range from highly detailed to very limited.

The standard of candidate work verified ranged from an acceptable standard to excellent. However, in some centres it was well above that required at National 4.