



NQ Verification 2021–22 Round 1

Qualification Verification Summary Report

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Section 1: Verification group information

Verification group name: Health and Food Technology
Verification event/visiting information: Event
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National Courses/Units verified:

H200 73/74 National 3/National 4 Contemporary Food Issues
H1YT 73/74 National 3/National 4 Food for Health
H1YX 73/74 National 3/National 4 Food Product Development

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Section 2: Comments on assessment

Assessment approaches

The majority of centres had used assessment materials from the relevant assessment support packs (ASPs) from the SQA secure website to assess their candidates.

Centres are reminded that if they wish to use a centre-devised approach to assessment, this must be prior verified by SQA before it is used with candidates, and the evidence must be designed to enable candidates to meet the assessment standards.

Assessment judgements

The majority of centres are assessing their candidates in line with national standards. There are, however, a small number of recommendations that relate to the assessment judgements, as outlined below.

Food for Health unit

Assessment standard 1.3 — At National 3 and 4, candidates should describe the effects on health of each nutrient and not simply state the function, for example: 'Calcium is needed to form strong bones, so we don't develop weak bones in later life.'

Assessment standard 1.4 — At National 3 and National 4, candidates should describe the effect of diet-related conditions or diseases on health, for example: ‘If we have anaemia we may feel tired a lot of the time’, rather than stating how the condition or disease could be prevented.

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Section 3: General comments

There was a good standard of candidate evidence submitted.

Centres are reminded that a thorough approach to internal verification is required, which is one that goes beyond cross-marking, for example, notes of meetings to discuss approaches to assessment, minutes of meetings where candidates’ work was discussed in detail.

Further advice and guidance on internal verification can be found in the NQ Internal Verification Toolkit, available at www.sqa.org.uk/IVtoolkit.