



# NQ verification 2022–23 round 1

## Qualification verification summary report

### Section 1: verification group information

Verification group name:	Media
Verification activity:	Event
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### National Units verified

Unit code	Unit level	Unit title
H235 73	National 3	Analysing Media Content
H238 73	National 3	Creating Media Content
H235 74	National 4	Analysing Media Content
H238 74	National 4	Creating Media Content

### Section 2: comments on assessment

#### Assessment approaches

Many centres chose to assess candidates with centre-devised assessments. While this is entirely valid, it is advisable to submit these for prior verification. Prior verification is a free service offered by SQA.

If using centre-devised assessments, it is important to ensure that candidates are able to achieve all of the assessment standards. If centres have used adapted instruments of assessment, they should provide a modified version of the judging evidence table which exemplifies possible responses to the centre-devised assessment.

#### Assessment judgements

Centre judgements were broadly in line with national standards, and reliable and consistent. Some judgements did not take into account the modifications for sessions 2022–23 — candidates only need to deal with one context-based key aspect for assessment standard 1.2 and 1.4. In the Analysing Media Content (National 4) unit, some candidates were expected to explain the use of key aspects, but only description is required at that level.

Some evidence lacked sufficient detail and centres may benefit from reviewing Understanding Standards materials which exemplify the appropriate level of detail.

### **Section 3: general comments**

Candidates demonstrated confident understanding of terminology in terms of the key aspects of media and their components, particularly in terms of content. Historic confusion over terms such as using language to refer to dialogue rather than technical or cultural codes, or representation to refer to diversity was not present this session. However, there continues to be some confusion over the description of body language alone as a component of representation — description of this nature would not be sufficient to meet the assessment standard.

Many centres had good quality assurance procedures in place, with evidence of internal verification as well as cross-marking with media practitioners in other centres, leading to regular cycles of quality assurance and greater consistency.