



NQ Verification 2021–22 Round 2

Qualification Verification Summary Report

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Section 1: Verification group information

Verification group name:	Practical Woodworking
Verification event/visiting information:	Visiting
Date published:	June 2022

National Courses/Units verified:

C862 75 National 5 Practical Woodworking: Practical Activity — IACCA*

*Internally-assessed component of course assessment

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Section 2: Comments on assessment

Assessment approaches

National 5 — Practical activity

All centres used the practical activity task for session 2021–22 from the secure area of the SQA website — this being the only valid assessment instrument this session.

Centres are reminded that the assessment of ‘measuring and marking out’ must be done before candidates cut joints. This will allow remedial action to be taken to allow the candidates to cut correctly measured and marked out joints.

The completion of log books in many centres was poor, with candidates even missing the basic requirements of providing a procedure, date and signature for each entry. Candidates can choose to complete the log book through manual or electronic means. Both are acceptable and the log book can, and should, be completed throughout the delivery of the course (except for the ‘safe working procedures’ area, which assessors complete relative to the practical activity).

Centres are also reminded that machines cannot be used to cut joints in the practical activity unless SQA gives specific instruction to the contrary. This is clearly stated in the practical activity documentation.

While changes to most sizes are prohibited, changes to material thickness are permitted, but only if working drawings are amended to reflect this change. If the working drawings are not amended, then the candidates will be unable to access any marks for 'measuring and marking out'. This is because all of the sizes will be wrong relative to the material thickness used.

Centres are reminded of the videos available on the Understanding Standards website to support the application of the marking instructions for the practical activity. We encourage all centres to continue to make use of this invaluable resource.

Assessment judgements

The majority of centres made accurate and reliable assessment judgements.

Centres are reminded to include detailed commentary to substantiate the marks that they award. This supports both internal and external verification activity.

There were some instances of full marks being awarded for 'independence of work' for incomplete work. Centres are reminded that where the marking instruction states 'All...', this refers to everything that is supposed to be done, and not everything that the candidate has done.

The application of the marking instructions for the completion of log books was inconsistent in some centres, with some awarding marks for entries that contained very little detail. Our Understanding Standards videos and specimen log book all confirm the detail required in this area of the practical activity.

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Section 3: General comments

This session, our round 2 verification activity focussed on the National 5 practical activity only, however we hope to expand our sample next session.

The vast majority of centre staff engaged well with our external verification activity, and found the process to be supportive and transparent.

Most centres recorded their assessment judgements clearly using the candidate assessment record. However, in some instances, there were no comments to justify or explain assessment judgements — we strongly recommend that detailed commentary is included.

The assessment judgements of most centres were accurate, consistent and reliable.

Having, and applying, an internal verification policy is a condition of approval as an SQA centre. The majority of centres demonstrated clear evidence of an effective internal verification policy and the application of their policy. Further information on internal verification can be found here: www.sqa.org.uk/IVtoolkit

Session 2022–23

Centres are reminded that the National 5 practical activity changes each session, and only the use of the current version is valid. Usually it is published in October, but for session 2022–23 it will be published in August (as it is the same practical activity as session 2021–22 because of our ongoing COVID-related assessment modifications).

Useful links

[Understanding Standards National 5 Practical Woodworking videos](#)

[National 5 Practical Woodworking specimen logbook](#)