Qualification Verification Summary Report
NQ Verification 2019–20

01 ▶ Section 1: Verification group information

Verification group name:	**English**
Verification event/visiting information	**Visiting**
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National Courses/Units verified:

H2WV 73	National 3	Producing Language
H2WT 73	National 3	Understanding Language
H23W 73	National 3	Literacy
H23T 74	National 4	Creation and Production

02 ▶ Section 2: Comments on assessment

Assessment approaches

National 3 Understanding Language
National 3 Literacy — Reading and Listening

The vast majority of centres verified this session supplemented unit assessment support packs (UASPs) by offering candidates personalisation and choice in terms of material which was relevant to their interests. Some centres had made effective use of SQA's prior-verification service to support this.

There were, however, still a small number of centres using out-of-date UASPs, and, for example, still assessing audience and purpose in assessment standards 1.1 *('identifying the main idea')* and 2.1 *('identifying the main idea')*. Centres are reminded that the requirement to assess audience and purpose in these assessment standards was removed during the 2016–17 academic session.

Centres are also reminded that UASPs downloaded from SQA's secure website (and prior-verified assessments) should be up-to-date and checked against the current unit assessment standards which can be found in the unit specification.

National 3 Producing Language
National 4 Creation and Production

The majority of centres offered personalisation and choice to candidates in the range of topics for writing and talking assessment, although UASP materials were also commonly used.

Assessment judgements

National 3 Understanding Language
National 3 Literacy — Reading and Listening

Overall centres were confident in their assessment judgements and were assessing candidates accurately.

In a small number of centres, however, out-of-date materials being used meant that candidates were not able to meet the revised assessment standards 1.2 *('showing awareness of language choice')* and 2.2 *('showing awareness of language choice')*.

National 3 Producing Language
National 4 Creation and Production

Most centres provided clear detail in their evidence to support the basis of their assessment judgements for writing.

The majority of centres provided clear evidence of talking through detailed checklists (often supported by recordings; copies of candidate's notes or PowerPoint presentations). Assessors were regularly evidencing individual assessment standards for talking with clear evidence of how candidates had achieved these aspects of performance.

03 ▶ Section 3: General comments

The majority of candidates were engaged in tasks that offered both personalisation and choice, and the opportunity to deepen learning. Most centres presented materials for verification clearly, and simple but effective annotation of candidate work by assessors helped evidence the basis on which assessment judgements were made.

Centres should ensure that any previously downloaded assessment materials from SQA's secure website are continually reviewed and updated.

Centres are encouraged to make use of SQA's free prior-verification service when devising centre-generated assessments.