



# Qualification Verification Summary Report

## NQ Verification 2019–20

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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:

Unit code	level	Unit title
H200 73/74	National 3/National 4	Contemporary Food Issues
H1YT 73/74	National 3/National 4	Food for Health

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### Section 2: Comments on assessment

#### Assessment approaches

Not all centres had used assessment materials from the relevant unit assessment support packs (UASPs) from the SQA secure website to assess their candidates. In some instances, this resulted in a 'not accepted' decision.

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

Most centres are assessing their candidates in line with national standards. There are, however, a 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.

Assessment standard 2.2 — At all levels: it is essential that an assessor checklist and/or signed photographic evidence is included, with commentary, to confirm that the product has been made safely and hygienically, using the identified ingredients and cooking method.

### **Contemporary Food Issues**

Assessment standard 1.1 — At National 4 level, candidates must select and give a description about how at least two factors can affect food choice, for example: ‘Budget: people with a limited income may choose foods that are cheaper such as supermarket own brands.’ Some candidates had explained the factor but had not described how this may affect food choice, which is required at this level.

Assessment standard 1.3 — At National 4 level, candidates must select and give a description about how at least one technological development affects food choice, for example: ‘UHT: some consumers may choose UHT foods as they do not need to be stored in the fridge until they are opened, but some consumers may avoid these as they may taste different from fresh products.’ Some candidates had explained the technological development but had not described how this may affect food choice, which is required at this level.

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## **Section 3: General comments**

There was a good standard of candidate evidence submitted, some of which had been correctly judged by assessors.

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.

Where an assessor feels the candidate has not met an assessment standard, this should be internally verified before the re-assessment activity, to ensure the judgement is in line with national standards.

Further advice and guidance on internal verification can be found in the SQA Internal Verification Toolkit, available at [www.sqa.org.uk/IVtoolkit](http://www.sqa.org.uk/IVtoolkit).