



Qualification Verification Summary Report

NQ Verification 2019–20

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Section 1: Verification group information

Verification group name:	Sciences
Verification event/visiting information	Event
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National Courses/Units verified:

H267 73	National 3	Fragile Earth
H267 74	National 4	Fragile Earth
H268 73	National 3	Human Health
H268 74	National 4	Human Health
H269 73	National 3	Applications of Science
H269 74	National 4	Applications of Science

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Section 2: Comments on assessment

Assessment approaches

All centres used the most up to date and appropriate unit assessment support packs (UASPs) associated with the unit assessments presented.

Assessment judgements

All centres' judgements were, in general, at an appropriate level to maintain the assessment standards. Many centres were utilising the new UASP single test approach, which is seen as good practice.

Centres should ensure that candidate scripts are annotated by the assessor to show where a particular assessment standard has been achieved. Good practice would be for the internal verifier to also annotate scripts. This is helpful for candidates and for verifiers.

Centres should use the published exemplars to help clarify their own knowledge of how an assessment standard can be met. This can be incorporated into the

internal verification approach. Centres are also reminded that the use of the Internal Verification Toolkit (www.sqa.org.uk/IVtoolkit) is good practice.

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Section 3: General comments

Centres are advised that it would be effective during their internal verification process to record decisions through discussion with appropriate statements on the candidates' work or attached pro forma.

Centres are advised that all appropriate SQA documentation must be provided within the external verification pack. There are checklists provided to advise what this entails.