NQ Verification 2021–22 Round 1

Qualification Verification Summary Report

01 ▶ Section 1: Verification group information

Verification group name: **Science**
Verification event/visiting information   **Event/Postal**
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National Courses/Units verified:

H267 74	Fragile Earth — Metals
H267 74	Fragile Earth — Energy
H267 74	Fragile Earth — Food
H268 73	Human Health
H268 74	Human Health
H269 73	Applications of Science
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02 ▶ Section 2: Comments on assessment

Assessment approaches

The requirement to complete outcome 1 for the unit assessment at National 3 and National 4 is removed for session 2021–22. The Added Value Unit at National 4 is suspended for session 2021–22.

Centres can refer to the [National Course modification summary: Science](#) for further information.

Centres selected for National 3 and National 4 Science units submitted evidence for outcome 2 only.

All centres verified used the most up-to-date and appropriate unit assessment support packs (UASPs). Most centres were using the UASP single-test approach, which is good practice.

It is important to note that there have been updates to UASPs recently and centres should check that they are using the most up-to-date unit assessments.

Assessment judgements

Almost all centres verified were found to have made reliable assessment judgements and to have applied the marking guidance consistently throughout.

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

Annotation of marking instructions would clarify where centres are accepting alternative answers. This would be useful for subsequent years and further discussions during internal verification activities.

Centres should use the published exemplars to help clarify their own knowledge of how to achieve an assessment standard. This can be incorporated into the internal verification approach. Centres are also reminded that it is good practice to use the Internal Verification Toolkit.

03 ▶ Section 3: General comments

Centres should make appropriate statements on a candidate's work or attached pro forma to record decisions reached through discussion during their internal verification process.