



NQ Verification 2021–22 Round 2

Qualification Verification Summary Report

01 Section 1: Verification group information

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

C870 75 National 5	Performance–talking (IACCA)
C870 76 Higher	Performance–talking (IACCA)

02 Section 2: Comments on assessment

Assessment approaches

The approaches to assessment for most of the centres were valid and accepted at both levels.

All centres verified in round 2 used the SQA guidelines for the internally assessed component of course assessment — National 5/Higher Modern Languages performance–talking assessment task.

Verifiers noted that the quality of the performances sampled at both levels was generally high. Assessors had guided candidates well in the selection of their topics and in many performances; these allowed candidates to employ a range of structures, vocabulary and tenses appropriate to each level.

Presentation section National 5

Many presentations evidenced well-organised and relevant content and candidates were generally more accurate in this section. Some of the performances had very short presentations.

Assessment judgements

The assessment judgements for most of the centres were valid and accepted.

Some of the verifiers noted that some of the centres were more lenient while awarding the marks, specifically at Higher level. Centres are reminded to refer to the Understanding Standards materials available on [SQA secure](#) .

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Section 3: General comments

National 5 and Higher performance–talking

Personalisation and choice should ensure that candidates select a topic or topics of their choice for their presentation and conversation. Assessors should support and advise candidates in their choice of topic(s) from within the suggested contexts available in the Modern Languages course (please refer to the course specifications at [National 5](#) and [Higher](#)).

Recordings

Most of the centres submitted USBs of audio recordings. The evidence provided was clear and audible for most of the centres.

Centres are reminded that they must ensure all recordings are audible and playable on a variety of devices. The interlocutors should place the microphone close to the candidate so the candidate is easily audible. Also the background noise should be minimal.

Marks

For verification to proceed, centres must provide the marks awarded for each subsection of the performance–talking at National 5 (presentation, conversation, sustaining the conversation), along with a total out of 30 marks. A total out of 30 marks for the Higher discussion must be provided.

Centres must also insert the total mark for each candidate’s performance–talking in the ‘Mark (centre use)’ column on the verification sample form.

The majority of centres produced sample materials which were well organised and showed evidence of internal verification. It is always useful in the external verification process when centres include detail (for example on the candidate assessment record or equivalent) of the reasons why a candidate was awarded one pegged mark rather than another for any section of the talking performance.