The purpose of this report is to provide feedback to centres on verification in National Qualifications in this subject.
National Qualifications (NQ) Units

The following Units were verified at central verification:

D269 11  Health and Food Technology
D501 11  Lifestyle and Consumer Technology

General comments
The majority of centres have a clear understanding of what is required to meet national standards. One centre failed to meet the required standard.

Unit specifications, instruments of assessment and exemplification materials
All centres submitted the correct paperwork.

Evidence Requirements
The majority of centres have a clear understanding of what is expected to meet national standards and have used the NABs correctly. However, one centre had altered a NAB and had not submitted it to SQA for prior approval, resulting in their candidates having to re-sit their assessment.

In centres where marks had been allocated for valid points not given on the marking scheme, they were clearly marked as ‘VP’. This procedure is to be commended.

Administration of assessments
A good feature which was evident this year was the clear evidence of cross-marking by centres.

The majority of centres show good practice in the marking of assessments and it is clear to see where marks have been awarded. However, in a few instances, there were arithmetical errors in addition; care should be taken to ensure this does not happen as in some cases it could mean a candidate fails the assessment.

Areas of good practice
As mentioned above, there is clear evidence of internal verification/cross-marking within centres; this is excellent practice as we move forward with the new qualifications.