



NQ Business Management Qualification

Verification Summary Report 2024–25

Section 1: verification group information

Verification group name:	Business Management
Verification activity:	Event
Round:	1
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National Units verified

Unit code	Unit level	Unit title
H280 73	National 3	Business In Action
H281 73	National 3	Influences on Business
H280 74	National 4	Business In Action
H281 74	National 4	Influences on Business
J1YX 75	SCQF level 5	Understanding Business
J229 76	SCQF level 6	Understanding Business
J1XD 77	SCQF level 7	The Internal Business Environment

Section 2: comments on assessment

Assessment approaches

Assessors mostly demonstrated a very good understanding of the assessment standards and used SQA's unit assessment support packs correctly.

Centres continue to recognise the value of robust systems for recording and organising the documentation required to show candidate outcomes. This makes the verification process simpler and quicker.

Assessment judgements

Many candidates demonstrated more than the minimum requirements to pass outcomes.

Centres should always ensure they follow the assessment judgements and use the commentary on assessment judgements column for guidance as to what is required. Some centres were failing candidates who had responses that were close to the judging evidence column in the assessment.

Assessors are clearly marking the outcome with a pass or fail, by using open and closed brackets and comments in the margin, for example P 1.1.

Centres need to be aware of how many outcomes need to be achieved in order to pass the unit as not all outcomes are required.

Section 3: general comments

Full documentation, including centre-devised marking grids where available, helps make the verification process much easier. Most centres had evidence of internal verification. Most centres submitted their internal verification policy and included internal verification records showing dialogue between the assessor and internal verifier. This dialogue allows verifiers to understand how the final assessment judgements have been made.

Internal Verification should continue, as this helps to ensure the final judgement submitted by the centre is accurate and clear.

The vast majority of centres provided a clear, organised and detailed verification sample, following SQA's guidelines.



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Section 1: verification group information

Verification group name:	Business
Verification activity:	Event
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National Units verified

Unit code	Unit level	Unit title
H282 74	National 4	Business Assignment: Added Value Unit

Section 2: comments on assessment

Assessment approaches

Most centres demonstrated a very good understanding of the assessment standard and used SQA's unit assessment support pack correctly. Candidates chose a wide variety of small businesses.

Centres used robust systems for recording and organising the documentation required to show candidate achievement. This makes the verification process much easier for the verifier to complete.

Assessment judgements

A vast number of candidates demonstrated more than minimum requirements to pass outcomes. Many of the business reports for the Business Added Value Unit were of a level similar to the requirement for National 5 assignments.

A few centres were accepted* and were given recommendations about Outcome 1.3 because candidates did not analyse the research findings.

Most centres had evidence of internal verification. This shows that centres are now recognising the need for a robust system of internal verification. Most centres included their internal verification policy and included internal verification records showing dialogue between the marker and internal verifier. This dialogue helps greatly with the verification process as it allows verifiers to understand how final assessment judgements have been made.

Most initial markers are identifying where the outcome has been achieved with the use of open and closed brackets and comments in the margin, for example P 1.1. This is good practice.

Section 3: general comments

Centres need to ensure candidates analyse both the research methods and research findings, especially for outcome 1.3 which states: 'Candidates should choose a business proposal and give at least one reason for their choice based on the analysis of research findings'. Many centres gave a pass mark to candidates who only analysed the research source and did not give clear evidence of having analysed the research findings.

Centres should provide full documentation, including any centre-devised marking and recording grids. This makes the verification process much easier.

Internal verification should be completed by centres to ensure the final judgement submitted is accurate and clear.

The vast majority of centres provided a clear, organised and detailed verification sample following SQA guidelines.