



NQ Verification 2021–22 Round 1

Qualification Verification Summary Report

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Section 1: Verification group information

Verification group name: Business Management
Verification event/visiting information: Event
Date published: June 2022

National Courses/Units verified:

H280 74	National 4	Business in Action
H281 74	National 4	Influences on Business

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Section 2: Comments on assessment

Assessment approaches

All centres demonstrated a good understanding of the assessment standards and used the SQA unit assessments, some with minor adjustments.

Centres' materials reflected the value of using robust systems for recording and organising the documentation required to show candidate results.

Assessment judgements

In most cases centres are following the assessment judgements and are using the 'commentary on assessment judgements' column for guidance as to what is required. Occasionally some of the centre judgements accepted simplified answers from candidates.

A few centres did not indicate clearly where outcomes have been met. This makes it very difficult to verify the judgements made by the centre. Judgements should be indicated using brackets, ticks and a 'pass' in the margin to clearly show where outcomes have been met.

Overall the unit assessments were well done with some fantastic examples of candidates demonstrating more than minimum requirements to pass outcomes.

All centres had evidence of internal verification and this shows that centres are now recognising the need for a robust system of internal verification. However, it was clear that in some instances there was no recorded dialogue between the marker and verifier to show how decisions had been reached. It is good practice to give an account of discussions between markers and verifiers to show the outcome of discussions on marking.

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Section 3: General comments

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

There were no centres 'not accepted' during this verification round.

Providing full documentation, including where available centre-devised marking grids, makes the verification process much easier.

Internal verification should be completed to ensure the final judgement submitted by the centre is accurate and clear. Evidence should be given showing the internal verification policy and any dialogue between marker and verifiers should be noted and included with the verification sample.