

NQ Business and Business Management Verification Summary 2025–26

Verification information

Subject	Business and Business Management
Verification activity	Mixed — Event and Postal
Round	1
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National Units verified

Unit code	Unit level	Unit title
H280 73	National 3	Business in Action
H280 74	National 4	Business in Action
H281 74	National 4	Influences on Business
H282 74	National 4	Business: Assignment — Added Value Unit
J200 75	SCQF level 5	Management of Marketing and Operations
J1YX 75	SCQF level 5	Understanding Business
J229 76	SCQF level 6	Understanding Business

Comments on assessment

Assessment approaches

The vast majority of centres still use our unit assessment support (UAS) packs to carry out unit assessments. If centres devise their own assessments or adapt our existing UAS packs, they must ensure that these assessments meet the standards set out in the appropriate UAS pack. Centres mainly demonstrated a very good understanding of the assessment standards and used our unit assessment support packs correctly.

Most centres had a robust system in place for recording candidate evidence and organising their resources.

Assessment judgements

In a number of cases centres expected too much detail from National 3 and National 4 candidates. Centres should refer to the judging evidence column in the UAS packs to ascertain the level of demand for candidate responses. Some centres failed candidates who had responses that were similar to the judging evidence column.

Most centres now have robust internal verification procedures in place and use documentation to show evidence of meetings between internal verifiers and assessors. This evidence makes the verification process easier as verifiers can see why judgements have been made and the final agreed outcome of discussions.

It is also good practice to show where outcomes have been achieved with the outcome passed clearly indicated on the candidate evidence, for example P1.1, P1.2.

A few centres are still failing candidates who did not pass all outcomes. Centres need to be aware of the unit thresholds, which in most cases mean that not all assessment standards need to be achieved to pass the unit. For example, to pass the Understanding Business (SCQF level 5) unit candidates must achieve 5 out of 6 assessment standards.

Centres need to provide enough evidence for the verification process to be carried out. A few centres sent in or uploaded very little evidence for candidates and therefore the verification decision could not take place.

General comments

Centres should provide full documentation, including, where available, centre-devised marking and recording grids to make the verification process easier.

Internal verification should continue as an example of good practice 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 our guidelines.

Digital evidence needs to be clearly organised and with enough evidence to allow the verification process to take place.

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National Units verified

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

Comments on assessment

Assessment approaches

No centres were ‘not accepted’ and only three centres were ‘accepted*’.

All centres used our unit assessment support (UAS) pack to carry out the National 4 Added Value Unit — Business Assignment.

Centres mainly demonstrated a very good understanding of the assessment standards and used our UAS pack correctly. There were some very good examples of templates being used to allow candidates to complete the assessment.

Most centres had a robust system in place for recording candidate evidence and organising their resources.

The vast majority of centres use robust internal verification processes to ensure the judgements are accurate, reliable and consistent.

Assessment judgements

In a number of cases centres still expected too much information from National 4 candidates. Centres should refer to the judging evidence column in the UAS packs to determine the level of demand for candidate responses.

Most centres now have robust internal verification procedures in place and use documentation to show evidence of meetings between internal verifiers and assessors. This evidence makes the verification process easier as verifiers can see why judgements have been made and the final agreed outcome of discussions.

It is also good practice to show where outcomes have been achieved with the outcome passed clearly indicated on the candidate evidence, for example P1.1, P1.2.

General comments

Centres should provide full documentation, including where available centre-devised marking and recording grids where available, to help make the verification process much easier.

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 Qualifications Scotland guidelines.

Centres need to make sure printouts are legible. Printouts on some occasions were difficult to read as the assessment was printed in a very small format with six slides per page, making the font very small.

Centres should make sure they are aware of exactly what needs to be submitted for verification as a number of centres included more than one unit and more candidates than necessary.