



NQ verification 2023–24 round 2

Qualification verification summary report

Section 1: verification group information

Verification group name:	Design and Manufacture
Verification activity:	Visit
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National Course components and National Units verified

Unit code	Unit level	Unit title
H22W 74	National 4	Design and Manufacture Assignment: Added Value Unit
C819 75	National 5	Design and Manufacture Assignment: Practical

Section 2: comments on assessment

Assessment approaches

National 5

The assessment approach for all centres was accepted as they had used the tasks set by SQA.

National 4

The assessment approach for almost all centres was accepted. The majority of centres had used the National 5 tasks set by SQA, or one of the National 4 assignment tasks for the Added Value Units set by SQA. One centre was not accepted as they had used the wrong pass mark, which was different from the one stated in the unit assessment support packs.

Assessment judgements

National 5

The assessment judgements of most centres were accepted. A small number of centres were not accepted as their judgements were severe, while a small number of them were not accepted due to lenient judgements. A few centres were not accepted as they had made arithmetical errors.

National 4

The assessment judgements of most centres were accepted. A few centres were not accepted as their judgements were lenient.

Section 3: general comments

Centres should note that if different judgements are made during their internal verification process, the agreed judgement must be clearly recorded.

All accepted centres made good use of the exemplar materials provided by SQA. A significant number of centres provided evidence of benchmarking their candidates' work against the exemplar materials. This aided the verification process.

There was very good evidence of a wide range of creative design proposals.

National 4

Centres should note that the marks awarded for each section are 'pegged', for example, where 9 marks are available, only 0, 3, 6 or 9 can be awarded. Further information can be found in the unit assessment support packs, available on SQA's secure website.