

# NQ Design and Manufacture Verification Summary 2025–26

## Verification information

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| <b>Subject</b>               | Design and Manufacture |
| <b>Verification activity</b> | Visit                  |
| <b>Round</b>                 | 2                      |
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## National Units verified

| <b>Unit code</b> | <b>Unit level</b> | <b>Unit title</b>                 |
|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| H22W 74          | National 4        | Design and Manufacture Assignment |

## National Course components verified

| <b>Course code</b> | <b>Course level</b> | <b>Component title</b>                        |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| C819 75            | National 5          | Design and Manufacture Assignment — practical |

# **Comments on assessment**

## **Assessment approaches**

### **National 5**

All centres used the mandatory National 5 assignment tasks set by Qualifications Scotland.

### **National 4**

Most centres adapted the National 5 assignment tasks to use with their National 4 candidates. A few centres used the National 4 assignment tasks provided by Qualifications Scotland.

## **Assessment judgements**

### **National 5**

Verifiers accepted most centres' assessment judgements. Verifiers did not accept a few centres' assessment judgements because their marking was either severe or lenient.

### **National 4**

Most centres made accurate assessment judgements.

Verifiers accepted one centre's assessment judgements with recommendations. This was because their overall assessment judgements for each candidate were accurate, but their marking was inconsistent in some sections of the assignment.

## **General comments**

If assessors and internal verifiers make different judgements, they must agree and clearly record the final assessment judgement during the internal verification process.

Most centres used our Understanding Standards materials effectively and provided evidence of benchmarking their candidates' work against these materials. This helped the verification process.

Most centres had strong evidence of a wide range of creative design proposals.

## **National 5**

We have added new examples of candidate work to the Understanding Standards section of our secure website.

## **National 4**

The marks in each section of the National 4 assignment tasks provided by Qualifications Scotland are pegged, meaning that assessors can only award them at fixed intervals. For example, if a section is worth 9 marks, assessors can only award 0, 3, 6 or 9 marks. The unit assessment support packs on our secure website have more information about this.