



NQ verification 2022–23 round 2

Qualification verification summary report

Section 1: verification group information

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

Unit code	Unit level	Unit title
J291 75	SCQF level 5	Economics of the Market
J292 76	SCQF level 6	Economics of the Market
J294 76	SCQF level 6	UK Economic Activity
J295 75	SCQF level 5	Global Economic Activity
J296 76	SCQF level 6	Global Economic Activity

Section 2: comments on assessment

Assessment approaches

The majority of centres used SQA's unit assessment support packs (or adaptations of these) appropriately and effectively, following the guidelines. However, if adapting an SQA assessment, centres must ensure that the questions asked are in line with national standards and allow candidates to fully achieve the assessment standard.

There were some excellent examples of candidate responses, demonstrating that centres are competent with the procedures and approaches to unit assessment.

Assessment judgements

The majority of centres demonstrated a very good knowledge of 'Making assessment judgements' and applied this correctly to the tasks, resulting in assessment judgements that were consistently in line with national standards.

However, some centres are still not focusing on the assessment judgement table to make appropriate decisions. In a few cases, centres accepted responses that should have been better developed by candidates or that did not meet the assessment criteria.

The majority of centres had clear evidence of internal verification activity and moderation processes, which were thorough, detailed and highly effective. However, in one or two cases, it was unclear where candidates met the outcomes and assessment standards. It is good practice for centres to use brackets and ticks to identify where outcomes and assessment are met, as this helps candidates and verifiers identify where the assessor has identified a correct response.

Section 3: general comments

Verification materials are well organised with most centres including all the relevant evidence for verification, which makes the process more efficient.

Internal verification is evident in most centres, and this again is an example of good practice that should continue. Some digital submissions showed little or no evidence of cross-marking — it is good practice for centres to cross-mark digital evidence in a different colour.

Centres should continue to internally verify a sample of assessed work — around one-third of the sample would be good practice.