



NQ Engineering Science Qualification Verification Summary Report 2024–25

Section 1: verification group information

Verification group name:	Engineering Science
Verification activity:	Event
Round:	2
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National Course components verified

Course code	Course level	Component title
C823 77	Advanced Higher	Engineering Science project

Section 2: comments on assessment

Assessment approaches

All centres used the mandatory SQA assessment.

Assessment judgements

Of the 13 centres verified for the Advanced Higher Engineering Science project, 8 were not accepted.

Most centres applied the marking instructions leniently.

To access all available marks for the project, candidates must produce work to the standard expected at Advanced Higher. Some projects contained Higher-level content, which meant that candidates missed out on some marks.

Centres should assess candidates' projects at regular intervals, not only when they are complete. It is good practice to schedule regular candidate check-ins and to regularly record assessment judgements.

Centres should refer to the [Understanding Standards materials](#) available for the Advanced Higher Engineering Science project on SQA's website.

Section 3: general comments

Evidence of internal verification was inconsistent. Some centres provided examples of good practice, such as clear, transparent processes. Other centres provided evidence of internal verification that did not appear to have an impact on the final assessment judgements.

External verifiers must be able to identify a centre's assessment judgements. It is helpful for external verifiers to see the original assessor's judgement, the internal verifier's judgement, and the final agreed judgement.

It is good practice to use the [NQ internal verification toolkit](#) on SQA's website.