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NQ Politics Qualification Verification Summary Report 2024–25

Section 1: verification group information

Verification group name:	Politics
Verification activity:	Event
Round:	1
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National Units verified

Unit code	Unit level	Unit title
J20E 76	SCQF level 6	Politics: Political Theory
J20F 76	SCQF level 6	Politics: Political Systems
J20G 76	SCQF level 6	Politics: Political Parties and Elections

Section 2: comments on assessment

Assessment approaches

All centres used SQA unit assessment support packs, in one case with minor adaptations.

Assessment judgements

All centres used the judging evidence tables contained in the SQA unit assessment support packs. These describe how the assessment standards and overall outcomes can be met. Assessment judgements must be made against each assessment standard and centres should clearly indicate where each candidate response covers the minimum standard to meet each assessment standard and overall outcome.

Section 3: general comments

Centre approach to assessment

It is recommended that centres use the unit assessment support packs provided by SQA and accessed through SQA's secure site. These packs can be used to assess candidates, be adapted for centres' own assessment programmes, or help in the development of centres' own assessments.

Centres are reminded that for all assessment approaches, evidence is required to show that the candidate has met the assessment standards and overall outcomes for each unit. If centres adapt the SQA unit assessment support packs or produce their own assessment task, they must ensure it allows candidates to meet all the assessment standards.

Internal verification

It is good practice for centres to include a note of explanation regarding the internal quality assurance policies and procedures used. While most internal verification activity will be integrated within existing processes, it is important that key activities are documented. This will support centres in managing internal assessment and verification, and planning for improvement, and will also allow centres to demonstrate to SQA that an effective internal verification system is in place. Further information about internal verification is available in SQA's [NQ internal verification toolkit](#), which provides templates that can be used to support an effective internal verification process.

Prior verification

It is recommended that centres make use of SQA's prior verification service for centre-devised assessments. It is strongly recommended that centres submit significantly changed assessments for prior verification before they use them for assessment purposes. Further information on the [prior verification](#) service is available on the delivery processes section of SQA's website.

Assessment standard thresholds

Centres are reminded that the threshold approach for re-assessing candidates is still valid for SCQF level 6 and should be applied where relevant. If a candidate successfully meets the requirements of the specified number of assessment standards, they will be judged to have passed the unit overall and no further re-assessment will be required. The specific requirement for each unit is as follows:

Politics: Political Theory:

- candidates must achieve all assessment standards for outcome 1
- candidates must gain one out of two assessment standards for outcome 2

Politics: Political Systems:

- candidates must achieve all assessment standards for outcome 1
- candidates must gain one out of two assessment standards for outcome 2

Politics: Political Parties and Elections:

- candidates must achieve both assessment standards for outcome 1
- candidates must gain two out of three assessment standards for outcome 2

There is still a requirement for candidates to be given the opportunity to meet all assessment standards. The thresholds have been put in place to reduce the volume of re-assessment where that is required.