



# NQ verification 2022–23 round 2

## Qualification verification summary report

### Section 1: verification group information

Verification group name:	Urdu
Verification activity:	Event
Date published:	June 2023

### National Course components verified

Course code	Course level	Course title
C870 75	National 5	Urdu: performance–talking
C870 76	Higher	Urdu: performance–talking

### Section 2: comments on assessment

#### Assessment approaches

The approach to assessment for all centres was valid and accepted at National 5 and Higher.

All centres verified in round 2 used SQA’s coursework assessment task for the performance–talking, as set out in the [National 5](#) and [Higher](#) Modern Languages course specifications.

Event verifiers noted that the quality of the performances sampled at both levels was generally very good. Assessors had guided candidates well in the selection of their topics, and in many performances, these allowed candidates to use a range of structures, vocabulary and tenses appropriate to each level.

#### National 5 presentation

Many presentations evidenced well-organised and relevant content, and candidates were more accurate in this section than in the conversation section.

## **Assessment judgements**

Assessment judgements for all centres were valid and accepted.

Verifiers noted that there were some instances where centres were severe in their application of the marking instructions, specifically at Higher level.

Centres should make use of the Understanding Standards materials for National 5 and Higher Urdu: performance–talking published on SQA’s secure website.

## **Section 3: general comments**

Assessors should continue to support and advise candidates in their choice of topic(s) from within the contexts available in the Modern Languages course.

Centres either submitted USB memory sticks of audio recordings or submitted candidate evidence using the NQ Verification Evidence Submission service on SQA Connect. Most of the evidence provided was clear and audible.

For verification to proceed, centres must provide the marks awarded for each subsection of the performance–talking at National 5 (presentation, conversation, sustaining the conversation) along with a total out of 30 marks.

Centres must insert the total mark for each candidate’s performance–talking on the verification sample form.

Most centres produced sample materials which were well-organised and showed evidence of internal verification. It is always useful in the external verification process when centres include detail (for example on the candidate assessment record or equivalent) of the reasons why a candidate was awarded one pegged mark rather than another for any section of the performance–talking.