



NQ verification 2023–24 round 2

Qualification verification summary report

Section 1: verification group information

Verification group name:	Economics
Verification activity:	Event
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National Course components and/or 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
J293 75	SCQF level 5	UK Economic Activity
J294 76	SCQF level 6	UK Economic Activity
J296 76	SCQF level 6	Global Economic Activity

Section 2: comments on assessment

Assessment approaches

Although this was a small sample, the majority of centres used the SQA unit assessment support packages, or slight adaptations of these packages, to assess the assessment standards appropriately and effectively. Candidates were given the opportunity to provide detailed responses and the majority of centres followed the SQA guidelines when assessing candidate responses.

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

Assessment judgements

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

However, some centres are still not focusing on the assessment judgement column to make appropriate decisions on responses. In a few cases, centres were accepting responses which should have been better developed by candidates or which did not meet the assessment criteria. For example, some centres were slightly lenient in their marking of 'explain' questions. Particular care should be taken when assessing this type of question in order to ensure that candidates fully achieve the assessment standard.

The majority of centres had clear evidence of internal verification and moderation processes which were thorough, detailed and highly effective. However, in one or two cases it was unclear where credit was being given to candidates. Using brackets to indicate where credit has been given is an example of good practice, and using brackets and ticks helps the learner to see where marks have been awarded and shows the verifier where the centre feels a correct response exists.

Section 3: general comments

The organisation of the verification materials is to be commended and most centres are including all the relevant evidence, which makes the process much easier.

Internal verification was evident in most centres and this again is an example of good practice that should be continued in future years. However, digital submissions showed little or no evidence of marking and/or cross-marking and it would be good practice for centres to mark and cross-mark digital evidence in different colours. Centres should continue to internally verify a sample of assessed work; around one-third of the sample would constitute good practice.

The majority of centres provided useful and effective feedback to candidates as evidenced in the candidate feedback records.