



# NQ verification 2023–24 round 2

## Qualification verification summary report

### Section 1: verification group information

Verification group name:	Italian
Verification activity:	Event
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### National Course components verified

Course code	Course level	Course title
C842 75	National 5	Italian: performance–talking
C842 76	Higher	Italian: performance–talking

Note: the performance–talking is an internally assessed component of course assessment (IACCA).

### Section 2: comments on assessment

#### Assessment approaches

Most centres sampled for National 5 and for Higher used the performance–talking coursework assessment tasks effectively. There was a range of quality in the performances sampled at both levels, but the level was generally very good.

The topics selected gave candidates the opportunity to demonstrate a range of structures, vocabulary and tenses appropriate to each level and access the higher pegged marks available.

At National 5, presentations were well-organised with appropriate content. Assessors were supportive of their candidates and prompted at appropriate points during the conversation where hesitation occurred.

At National 5 (conversation) and Higher (discussion), many assessors used open-ended questions effectively, giving candidates the opportunity to use detailed or detailed and

complex language. However, we remind centres that the assessor should avoid monopolising the conversation or discussion and that it is rarely to the candidate's advantage to extend the conversation or discussion beyond the recommended length.

### **Assessment judgements**

Most centres used the marking instructions for National 5 and Higher performance—talking appropriately and in line with national standards.

Weaker performances tended to include only a limited amount of detailed or detailed and complex language, and/or did not demonstrate a good degree of grammatical accuracy.

Note: we remind centres to refer to the performance—talking exemplars for National 5 and Higher Italian on SQA's secure website. You can access these through your SQA co-ordinator.

### **Section 3: general comments**

Where centres provided evidence of professional dialogue between the assessor and the internal verifier in relation to how decisions regarding marks were reached, these were very useful to SQA verifiers. It is particularly helpful in the external verification process when centres include the reasons why a candidate was awarded one pegged mark rather than another and how any disagreement was resolved.