NQ verification 2023–24 round 2

Qualification verification summary report

Section 1: verification group information

Verification group name:	**Politics**
Verification activity:	**Event**
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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

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 pack or produce their own assessment task, they must ensure it allows candidates to meet all the assessment standards. In such cases, centres must clearly indicate where each candidate response covers the minimum standard to satisfy each assessment standard and overall outcome.

Assessment judgements

The judging evidence tables in the SQA unit assessment support packs describe how the assessment standards and overall outcomes can be met. Assessment judgements must be made against each assessment standard.

Centres are reminded that 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
♦ all assessment standards must be achieved for outcome 1
♦ 1 out of 2 assessment standards must be achieved for outcome 2

Politics: Political Systems
♦ all assessment standards must be achieved for outcome 1
♦ 1 out of 2 assessment standards must be achieved for outcome 2

Politics: Political Parties and Elections
♦ both assessment standards must be achieved for outcome 1
♦ 2 out of 3 assessment standards must be achieved 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.

Section 3: general comments

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.

Internal verification

Centres are advised that if selected for external verification it is good practice to include a note of explanation regarding the internal quality assurance policies and procedures used. 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.