



**Higher National Qualifications (China)
Internal Assessment Report 2013
Electronics and Instrumentation**

The purpose of this report is to provide feedback to centres on verification in Higher National and Qualifications in this subject.

Higher National Units

General comments

A clear understanding of the requirements of the national standards was demonstrated for the three Units verified in this verification group (group 232).

Unit specifications, instruments of assessment and exemplification materials

SQA assessment specifications were predominately used.

Evidence Requirements

The work of candidates sampled demonstrated that the centre had an accurate understanding of the required evidence.

Administration of assessments

Control conditions were not always stated on assessments. There should be clear and unambiguous control conditions stated for candidates.

General feedback

Candidates' reports, for practical activities, were very brief.

Areas of good practice

There was clear evidence of the interactive approach to internal verification with decisions, and any changes to decisions, well documented.

Specific areas for improvement

It is sometimes difficult to trace an audit trail for remedial assessments. All reworked candidates' assessments should be clearly documented showing the rework required and the actual resubmission re-marked.

Higher National Graded Units

DG2T 34: Electronic Engineering GU1

General comments

A clear understanding of the requirements of the national standards was demonstrated by the examination paper presented.

Unit specifications, instruments of assessment and exemplification materials

The examination paper provided closely matched the available exemplar examination paper and was contextualised for the relevant market. Clear and unambiguous marking schemes were also provided, demonstrating that the centre understands the required standards.

Evidence Requirements

The sampled work of candidates demonstrated that the centre had an accurate understanding of the required evidence. Discussions between assessor and internal verifier were well documented and accurate decisions made.

Administration of assessments

There appears to be sufficient procedures in place, however it is unclear if there is more than one assessment and one re-assessment available. For a Graded Unit examination such as this, centres should make every effort to ensure that candidates cannot predict exact examination questions.

General feedback

The centre has demonstrated a clear understanding of the requirements of the Graded Unit and it is anticipated that other alternative assessments will be made available.

Areas of good practice

There was clear evidence of the interactive approach to internal verification with decisions, and any changes to decisions, well documented. The centre is to be commended for this.

Specific areas for improvement

It is hoped that other assessments are generated for this Unit in order to ensure that candidates cannot predict the actual examination questions.