

The following are our suggestions relating to the verification by SAQA of the Kha ri gude assessment for the 2009 year.

1.	Verification body	<p>SAQA was the verification body in 2008 and Kha ri gude would be happy to continue this relationship for the following reasons: SAQA has the experience of the 2008 verification to build upon; SAQA uploads the successful learners onto the NLDS and SAQA records results of the learners in terms of the LAMP levels.</p> <p>However, given the interest of Umalusi as a potential verifier, it is recommended that Umalusi be invited to send a representative to observe the verification process.</p>
2	Verification steps	<p>In 2008 the following verification steps were undertaken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site visits (done informally) • Verification workshop • Checking of results database • Uploading of results to NLDS <p>It is recommended that a similar process be done for the 2009 year but with some site visits done formally.</p>
3	Site visits	<p>A modest budget for 36 site visits should be determined. Sites chosen should be randomly selected but taking into account provincial, language and urban/rural representivity. Access to the sites would be facilitated by the supervisor/monitors in the chosen districts and their time must be budgeted for.</p> <p>It may be expedient to correlate the site visits with the external evaluation by an international team.</p> <p>There should also be a visit to SAB&T to examine their systems.</p> <p>Ideally these site visits should take place in September 2009.</p>
4	Verification workshop	<p>The two day verification workshop will be run in a similar way to the first one in January 2009. It should, however, be held around the third week in March 2010. The rationale for this date is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In enables enough time for all the portfolios to be brought in and warehoused. • The actual results for the full sample can be fully recorded in advance.

		<p>The decisions about the format and instruments for the verification workshop must all be determined by the end of 2009 and all training manuals and programmes designed and prepared.</p> <p>For the purposes of verification workshop four exercises in the portfolio will be examined.</p> <p>The costing of the verification workshop will be determined by negotiation with the Kha ri gude CEO and will generally follow as in 2008, namely Kha ri gude will be responsible for the costs of the Coordinators and other Verifiers, whilst the SAQA budget will be for the team of three senior verifiers and the printing of the workshop materials.</p>
5	Sampling	<p>It is recommended that the initial sample be based on a set of 180 portfolios being drawn per Coordinator (thus a total initial sample of 36000 portfolios). These portfolios will all have been processed by SAB&T so the results will be available immediately. At the verification workshop the actual sample will be drawn from this stock.</p>
6	Report	<p>The final SAQA report must be finalised within three weeks of the verification workshop.</p>