



**National Qualifications 2011
Internal Assessment Report**

Plumbing

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

National Qualifications (NQ) Units

(ie freestanding Units which contribute to NPAs or NCs etc.)

Titles/ levels of NQ Units verified

F1JP 10 SCQF Level 4 Construction Safety Practices: An introduction

F1JN 10 SCQF Level 4 Construction Occupation Practices: An Introduction

F1L6 10 SCQF Level 4 Plumbing Services: An Introduction

F1L7 11 SCQF Level 5 Hot and Cold Water Systems: An Introduction

F1L8 11 SCQF Level 5 Prepare and Secure Domestic Plumbing Appliances: An Introduction

F1L9 11 SCQF Level 5 Install and Connect Domestic Plumbing Appliances: An Introduction

F1LA 11SCQF Level 5 Sheet Lead Weathering: An Introduction

General comments

This report is based on visits to five centres by five Plumbing External Verifiers. A sixth visit was made for development.

All centres had a clear and accurate understanding of the requirements of the national standards. All centres used the NAB pack for assessments.

Unit specifications, instruments of assessment and exemplification materials

One assessor made slight errors in using the NAB pack for marking. This resulted in the erroneous marking of an assessment as correct.

In all other cases, assessors were using the Unit specifications, instruments of assessment and exemplification materials correctly.

Evidence Requirements

There was a clear understanding of the Evidence Requirements, with the one exception highlighted above.

Administration of assessments

One assessor had erroneously marked some answers in one Unit as correct. This was not picked up during internal verification because the assessor internally verified his own assessment decisions.

In most cases, assessment and internal verification had been carried out correctly.

One centre had two different assessors delivering the same Unit. During internal verification, only the work of one of the assessors was verified.

Areas of good practice

In one centre, learning and development tutors supplemented the course tutors with dedicated sessions relating to employability.

Where the evidence for the Units was held in electronic portfolios, the candidates received feedback and comments on a tablet computer as to their performance in each performance criterion.

One centre that has a number of satellite centres had a development visit to help achieve standardised assessments overall.

Specific areas for improvement

A number of reports advised that the standard of drawings should be improved on, with the use of coloured pencils being advised in some cases.

Internal verifiers should follow their centres' procedures.