



# **Internal Assessment Report: Sheet Plate and Welding (VG 218)**

Sector Panel or SSC: Engineering, Science and Mathematics

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

# Higher National Units

## General comments

As in previous years, verification covered a broad range of Units within the Sheet Plate and Welding group. The spread consisted of Units in Fabrication and Welding Technology, Materials, Manufacture, Quality Assurance, Non-Destructive Testing and Inspection Techniques. There were two centre visits this year.

The verifier reports showed that the centres took a consistent approach to assessing evidence. Both centres had robust quality assurance procedures in place, internal moderation and assessment were carried out well, and both centres had suitably qualified staff in the roles of verification and assessment.

The verifiers found that constructive discussions had taken place between internal verifiers and the centres' internal assessors. In general, the discussions focused on the scheduling of assessments, the use of SQA assessment materials, sample responses, marking schemes and the need for alternative assessment materials to support the assessment process.

## Advice on good practice and areas for further development

### Good practice observed

As in previous years, positive comments were received about the quality of candidates' work, which again highlights the high standard of work being produced by candidates and the high expectations from staff of the quality of work produced.

Both centre reports identified good practice in assessment materials, documenting evidence and internal verification procedures.

Most centres are now using the new modernised HN Units.

### Areas for further development

Centres were reminded of the need to develop alternative assessment materials as part of assessment packs. This was the only area identified for further development. This area was also highlighted in last year's report.

# **Higher National Graded Units**

## **Titles/levels of HN Graded Units verified**

Fabrication, Welding and Inspection: Graded Unit 1 (DR37 34)

## **Feedback to centres**

### **General comments**

There was a central verification event for this Graded Unit. This event went well, and individual feedback was provided for centres.

### **Advice on good practice and areas for further development**

Centres should be reminded of the benefits of submitting their papers for prior moderation.

## **Development visits**

No development visits were carried out this year.