



Higher National and Vocational Qualifications Internal Assessment Report 2012

Wall and Floor Tiling

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

The outcome of external verification activity for academic year 2011–2012 again confirms that centres continue to have a well-developed understanding of the National Occupational Standards for Wall and Floor Tiling and specifically the Higher National (HN) Units which form the Advanced Craft qualification at SCQF 7.

Unit specifications, instruments of assessment and exemplification materials

The single centre verified for Higher National Brickwork Units had a clear understanding of the Unit specifications and their assessment instrument requirements. These findings are consistent with findings at centres in previous years and this supports the view that this aspect of HN delivery is being consistently addressed in an effective manner

Evidence Requirements

As in previous years, centres continue to meet the Evidence Requirements for all Units. Candidate practical evidence was once again noted as being of a very high standard and there was sufficient evidence available for each Unit. Candidate written evidence was also of a good standard.

Administration of assessments

Administration of the assessment process is again very effective, with internal verification being well planned. There is a focus on all Units to ensure ongoing support for assessors delivering the qualification for the first time.

Internal verification of Units has been undertaken effectively with a view to ensuring there is support for the assessor.

General feedback

Feedback from candidates interviewed confirmed that supportive and focused feedback from the assessor continues to be an effective means of developing candidate skills and knowledge. Candidate interviews confirmed that access to assessment opportunities was well managed with additional learner needs being addressed effectively. Learners were generally enthusiastic.

Areas of good practice

A good variety of up-to-date materials were available to all candidates and activities undertaken by candidates reflected industry practice. Candidates reported that their skill levels were being challenged and that they were supported well during their training.

Specific areas for improvement

- ◆ Internal verification should be of summative assessments only.
- ◆ Centre staff should develop front covers on assessment papers to allow feedback to be recorded.

SVQ awards

General comments

The outcome of external verification activity for academic year 2011–2012 again confirms that all centres continue to have a well-established and detailed understanding of the National Occupational Standards for Wall and Floor Tiling, and specifically the Professional Development Award (PDA) Units which form the SVQ qualification at SCQF 6.

Unit specifications, instruments of assessment and exemplification materials

All centres had a clear understanding of the Unit specifications and their assessment instrument requirements. These findings are consistent with findings at centres in previous years and support the view that this aspect of SVQ delivery is being consistently addressed in an effective manner.

Evidence Requirements

As in previous years, all centres continue to meet the Evidence Requirements of all Units. Candidate practical evidence was once again noted as being of a very high standard and there was sufficient evidence available for each Unit. Candidate written evidence was also of a good standard.

Administration of assessments

All centres are fully compliant with the assessment strategy in terms of assessors and Internal Verifiers being occupationally competent, having a sound, in-depth knowledge of the National Occupational Standards, participating in relevant CPD, and holding appropriate assessor and Verifier qualifications

Assessment records and materials, candidate documentation and portfolios were well organised and consistent. Dates and signatures were recorded for all candidates, ensuring an effective internal and external verification focus. The administration systems in place in the centre effectively support the delivery of the Award.

General feedback

Almost all centres have excellent specialist workshop accommodation and ample materials to ensure that all aspects of the qualification, the Units and the candidate numbers are catered for.

All the candidates were happy with the progress they are making and they also valued the feedback from the assessor on their practical activities in particular.

Areas of good practice

A good variety of up-to-date materials were available to all candidates.

Activities undertaken by candidates reflected industry practice. Candidates also reported that their skills were being challenged and spoke highly of the support received during their training.

Specific areas for improvement

The two External Verifier reports carried out in 2011–2012 recorded the following development points:

- ◆ Internally verify summative assessments only
- ◆ Develop the front covers on assessment papers as this will allow feedback to be recorded for candidate support.
- ◆ Extend the current single candidate completion date.
- ◆ Use the on-site assessment and training (OSAT) approach to allow the candidate to be assessed in the natural work environment.
- ◆ Complete the review of generic Unit checklists by identifying sources of integrated evidence.
- ◆ Formally record all standardisation meetings.
- ◆ Complete the work of updating the electrical supply in the workshop to 110 volts.