



**National Qualifications 2012
Internal Assessment Report**

Skills for Work

**Practical Experiences:
Construction and Engineering**

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

National Qualifications (NQ) Awards

Titles/levels of NQ Award verified:

Skills for Work: Practical Experiences: Construction and Engineering (Access 3)

General comments

Four centres had been selected for a verification visit but only a Tayside school was offering the award.

This centre was offering the award for the first time but it was evident that staff involved in delivery had a clear understanding of the requirements of the national standards.

Course Arrangements, Unit specifications, instruments of assessment and exemplification materials

When offering other SQA Awards, the centre staff had gathered knowledge and experience of using and interpreting Course documentation and materials.

The centre was recommended to use the Skills for Work (SfW) support provision offered by Scotland's Colleges and/or SQA to clarify any issues with the documentation and/or materials.

SQA has set up an e-forum specifically for this qualification to help centres share ideas and practice.

The result of the verification visit was successful.

Evidence Requirements

The centre was using the SQA-produced National Assessment Bank materials for assessing candidates. These specify the Evidence Requirements.

The centre was also using the support materials from Scotland's Colleges to prepare candidates for both written and practical assessments.

Administration of assessments

The centre was offering this Course to S3/S4 school candidates who would benefit from the basic level required for teaching/learning and assessment. Many of the candidates required some degree of support but the staff were enthusiastic and made good use of their own industrial experience in delivery. The centre was using the SQA-produced NABs that were designed for this level of candidate.

The centre was able to demonstrate relevant internal verification procedures at the EV visit.

Areas of good practice

The centre made good use of peer marking within the group to develop analytical critique skills with each other's work.

The centre was using video techniques during interview and employability skills training.

The programme is supported by a number of local employers who organise work placement, visits and provide talks on the skills required for employment.

Specific areas for improvement

The centre would benefit from close links with other delivering centres, such as a local college, to share good practice and innovative ideas. This could also be provided by the SfW support provision organised by Scotland's Colleges/ SQA — specifically the e-forum developed for this qualification.