



Higher National Qualifications

And

Scottish Vocational Qualifications

Senior Verifier Report

2008

Subject: Surveying

Sector Panel or SSC: Construction

Date: 28th July 2008

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

HIGHER NATIONAL UNITS

FEEDBACK TO CENTRES

Insert details relating to specific guidance which should be offered to centres based on the verification of centres.

Include:

- *General comments*
- *Areas of good practice*
- *Areas for further development*

General comments:

Centres and students are continuing to address the technological developments in the surveying area very well. One centre in particular utilised VLE to enhance the delivery of the subject.

Centres should have a regard to student numbers and the appropriate instrument resource to facilitate hands on work by the candidates. The introduction of graded unit projects has added meaning, context and importance of surveying techniques. Sufficiency of updated equipment is a problem for some centres because of cost implications however this has been overcome in some instances by hiring equipment. Feedback from students reveals that surveying motivates students who enjoy the outdoor aspects and the teamwork.

Advice on good practice and areas for further development:

The following areas of good practice were identified as useful for transference and consideration by centres:

- Realistic achievable learning plans
- Corrective action plans for students
- Use of VLE
- Introduction of environmental and sustainability issues into teaching process

Further development by centres is suggested as follows:

- More recorded feedback to students following assessments
- Need for prior verification of assessments and marking schedules

An important area for improvement is that of referencing and acknowledgement of diagrams, figures and tables etc., inserted by students in written answers. Correct referencing is a vital skill for those candidates progressing to HE.

HIGHER NATIONAL GRADED UNITS

TITLES/LEVELS OF HN GRADED UNITS VERIFIED

There are no graded units in this cognate group however surveying is included as part of the range of Built Environment and Civil Engineering graded units