

Higher National Qualifications

And

Scottish Vocational Qualifications

Senior Moderator Report

2006

Subject: Hairdressing

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

SVQ AWARDS

TITLES/LEVELS OF SVQ AWARDS MODERATED

Hairdressing Levels 1, 2 & 3

FEEDBACK TO CENTRES

General comments:

For verification period 2005/6 Candidate feedback was extremely positive in relation to their learning experience.

The Centres thought that mandatory questions should be weighted as different interpretations can lead to ambiguity in marking.

The External Verifiers thought that the use of an overview sheet for tracking evidence was of benefit to the Candidates, Assessors and Internal Verifiers, for ease of tracking.

Some Centres were omitting the percentage of Essential Knowledge and Understanding (EKU), therefore, the External Verifiers found difficulty in establishing percentage of oral questions to be assessed.

External Verifiers reported that the Performance Criteria (PC's) were being marked prior to the range being completed.

The External Verifiers discussed the issue of lack of appropriate models for short tapering/scissor over comb in the SVQ Hairdressing. SQA will raise this issue with Habia.

Centres should take care to mark portfolios within an acceptable timescale.

Advice on good practice and areas for further development:

Advice on Good Practice

Centres may wish to devise self evaluation proforma to assist then focus on their strengths and weaknesses in teaching practice.

Centres are continuing to integrate Information Technology in their teaching/learning programmes.

Centres are continuing to make use of SQA portfolios.

Areas for Further Development

Centres should be encouraged to use a wider variety of evidence in the portfolios. Centres using overview sheets to track candidate evidence found this beneficial.

External Verifiers, when observing a candidate and assessor in the practical situation, should have the candidate portfolio available.

All Centres must have a schedule for theory papers for all of their candidates. Assessors must remember to "sign off" portfolios, when assessment/PC's are complete.

Portfolios must be completed in ink, e.g. pencil, could interfere with the authenticity of the assessment material.

Centres must formalise standardisation meetings and produce a minute of the meeting.

Centres are encouraged to have a standardised CPD pro forma.

Planning and Arrangements 2005 – 2006

In the future Central Verification will only be appropriate when the Centre has a proven track of good practice, or as a monitoring tool for a post verification visit. It may also be used to monitor standards and consistency relating to ECU, projects and when the portfolios are electronic.

Recommendations 2005 – 2006

SQA will liaise with HABIA to clear up any ambiguity that has arisen with regard to the mandatory colouring questions.

The Verification Team

This consists of six Verifiers who sampled 308 portfolios during 2005/6. The reports from the Verifiers are in the main very positive and they have appeared to provide Centres with some very use feedback.