

HIGHER NATIONAL UNITS

FEEDBACK TO CENTRES

General comments:

The centres offering HN units all appear well organized with structured IV systems which even cope with single staff offering centres.

All reports were positive about the centre staff and their enthusiasm for the subject area.

Advice on good practice and areas for further development:

Student packs produced in a standardized format (house style) were welcomed by the moderation team as this clearly illustrates that all staff are working to the same standard.

Integration of unit outcomes across cognate areas produces a more flowing programme, however it must be remembered that integration must be supported by a clear and concise recording system.

Development of the HN area has been limited within the centres as staff wait for the arrival of the new HN units. I feel we will see great development over the coming year.

I would recommend centres to work together to develop the new HN courses.

Centres should refer to and use the skills of the moderation team to try to work towards a clear National standard

SVQ AWARDS

TITLES/LEVELS OF SVQ AWARDS MODERATED

G72J23	Level III
G72L24	Level IV

FEEDBACK TO CENTRES

General comments:

These awards require great organizational skills both for the assessor and the candidate, plus the IV system must be clear and concise. The centre offering SVQ within Scotland meets the highest professional standards.

Advice on good practice and areas for further development:

CPD of both assessors and internal verifiers is most important to ensure that people stay up to date with the rapidly changing technology within this area.

As the working environment changes so the awards must adapt to ensure relevance and validity of the award.

NATIONAL UNITS

(i.e. Freestanding units which contribute to NPAs or NCs etc.)

TITLES/LEVELS OF NATIONAL UNITS MODERATED

D0KR 12
D0MP 12
D7YC 12
D7YD 12
D7YE 12
D7YC 12
D955 12
D0MR 12
D956 12
D952 11

FEEDBACK TO CENTRES

General comments:

From centres offering the PBNC Photography for the Media the feedback about the units and the related NABS has been very positive. There have been a number of requests that all the NC units within this cognate area be reviewed and brought up to date with modern technology and the major changes that have occurred since the units were originally written. This I think is being addressed by SQA with the forthcoming NQ review.

Advice on good practice and areas for further development:

Centres have produced excellent IV systems linked to these units, with some centers using internal moderation as a standardization and staff development event.

The standard of the work produced is very high producing creative and innovative images.

Staff are enthusiastic and well organized resulting in very positive feedback from the candidates

Development of the NQ units in line with the development that has been carried out in HN would ensure a “dovetailing” of the courses for candidates progressing from NQ to HN.