

Higher National Qualifications

And

Scottish Vocational Qualifications

Senior Moderator Report

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Subject: Playwork

Sector Panel or SSC: Skillsactive

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

Playwork SVQ Level 2 G73N 22
Playwork SVQ Level 3 G6OW 23
Playwork SVQ Level 3 G73N
Playwork SVQ Level 4

FEEDBACK TO CENTRES

General comments:

The standard of the Playwork SVQ portfolios across the country has been very good. Most centres are working with almost completed candidates on the old level 3 standards, and looking to, if not already started with the new revised level 3 qualification. Verifiers have found that reflective accounts from candidates are holistic and include knowledge. Assessor observations are also taking on more of a holistic approach. The Level 2 Playwork is now firmly established and centres are working well with it ensuring integration of the units PW1, PW2 and PW3. The sector is familiar with the assessment strategy for the qualification. Assessors are experienced in Playwork, but there are still several Internal Verifiers who have more of an Early Years background. We continue to work towards the IVs being experienced in Playwork as per the Assessment Strategy. At the present time, only a number centres are approved for the Playwork Level 4, however, several more are working towards approval and others have expressed an interest in it for the new session.

Advice on good practice and areas for further development:

There is a lot of good practice in the Playwork sector particularly from centres who have been well established in playwork qualifications and have an experienced assessment team. Some centres are offering good training and induction sessions to support candidates through the qualification. This can be vital for some candidates who are working towards a qualification for the first time in many years.

With the new theories for the revised level 3 Playwork, this training and support is considered very good practice. Child development projects and playwork values projects have been good in some centres but still remain an area of development for other centres.

The revised level 3 Playwork SVQ will be an area of development for most centres, with the Playwork theories becoming an integral part of the qualification. The Assessment Strategy for this revised qualification also asks for assessments to be holistic, which is a step up from integrated units. Some centres have expressed concern as to how this will be internally moderated. The work can be sampled regularly and the sample tracked so that IVs do not have to wait for finished units before moderation. We have an experienced and enthusiastic sector who will embrace the new changes with a high standard of assessment.