



**National Qualifications 2016
Internal Assessment Report
Carpentry and Joinery**

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

National Qualifications (NQ) units

Titles/levels of NQ units verified:

F1KN 10 Develop Bench Joinery Skills

F1KX 11 Manufacture Joinery Components

F1LO 10 Develop Construction carpentry Skills

F1L4 11 Carpentry and Joinery Repair and Maintenance

General comments

The evidence generated by external verification activity for academic year 2015–16 confirmed that most centres had an effective understanding of the national standards outlined within the NPA in Construction: Carpentry and Joinery specialist NQ units. However, recommendations were reported at one centre in relation to improving the standards of carpentry and joinery evidence produced by candidates.

Unit specifications, instruments of assessment and exemplification materials

External verifier reports confirmed that staff at most centres were familiar with the unit specifications for the Carpentry and Joinery NPA units. Most centres had a clear understanding of the demands of the assessment support packs (ASPs) provided by SQA.

All staff demonstrated a high degree of professionalism and an in-depth knowledge of the curriculum, units and ASPs associated with this qualification.

Evidence requirements

Most centres delivering the Carpentry and Joinery NPA units continue to meet the evidence requirements of these units.

Evidence of candidate knowledge through written responses was once again noted as being of a good standard.

Practical work was reported as being of a fair standard in all centres visited. However, two external verification reports noted that while the quality of practical work produced by candidates was of a fair standard, it only just met the evidence requirements for the NPA Carpentry and Joinery units.

Recommendations to improve the quality of practical projects were discussed in detail with staff with the following recommendations being reported.

Unit F1L4 11: Carpentry and Joinery Repair and Maintenance

- ◆ Diamond patch and hinge patchings could be improved by producing a student information sheet to include sizes, preferred angles and correct grain direction.

Unit F1KN 11: Develop Bench Joinery Skills

- ◆ Ensure that rods match the manufactured component.

Unit F1KX 11: Manufacture Joinery Components

- ◆ Ensure that detail of door frame and detail of joint are completed with the tongue being one-third thickness of standard and housed in one-third thickness of head.
- ◆ Ensure that completed rods have a title box.
- ◆ Ensure haunch joint proportions are correct, ie depth of haunch is equal to the tenon thickness.

Administration of assessments

The assessment process was being administered effectively in all centres.

Assessments were being used appropriately in almost all centres. Internal verification records for the National Progression Award (NPA) were well planned and documented in all centres visited. Assessment decisions sampled confirmed that the assessment process was being administered reliably, consistently and fairly.

Effective standardisation activity was evident in all centres with assessment documentation, internal verification records and the assessment decisions forming an integral part of meetings.

Staff at all centres were familiar with the assessment support packs (ASPs) being used.

Areas of good practice

No areas of good practice were reported across the centres receiving external verification visits.

Specific areas for improvement

The following areas for development were reported by external verifiers with a view to improving the quality of candidate practical evidence.

- ◆ Diamond patch and hinge patchings could be improved by producing a student information sheet to include sizes, preferred angles and correct grain direction.
- ◆ Rods should match the manufactured component.

- ◆ Detail of door frame and detail of joint should be completed with the tongue being one-third thickness of standard and housed in one-third thickness of head.
- ◆ Completed rods should have a title box.
- ◆ Haunch joint proportions should be correct, ie depth of haunch should be equal to the tenon thickness.