



NQ Verification 2013–14

Key Messages Round 2

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Section 1: Verification group information

Verification group name:	Practical Technologies
Verification event/visiting information	Visiting
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National Courses/Units verified:

Practical Woodworking: Flat-frame Construction (H25V 74 and H25V 75)
Practical Woodworking: Carcase Construction (H25W 74 and H25W 75)
Practical Woodworking: Machining & Finishing (H25X 74 and H25X 75)
Practical Metalworking: Bench Skills (H25P 74 and H25P 75)
Practical Metalworking: Machine Processes (H25R 74 and H25R 75)
Practical Metalworking: Fabrication & Thermal Joining (H25S 74 and H25S 75)
Working With Tools (H25G 73)
Working With Materials (H25H 73)
Making An Item (H25J 73)

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Section 2: Comments on assessment

Assessment approaches

Centres have been successfully using the Unit assessment support packs and some have developed updated/new assessment instruments to meet the requirements of Outcome 3. This has been particularly successful with the centres that submitted their assessment materials for prior verification.

The Assessment Standards of all Outcomes must be met for every candidate to constitute a Unit pass — if any have not been met, a Unit pass cannot be awarded.

Where centres use an SQA Unit assessment support pack to assess a Unit, they must ensure that it is used in its entirety. For example, if the Unit assessment support pack includes a 'candidate log' or 'record of work', then this would need to be completed too. Likewise, for assessment purposes, candidates should be given working drawings where appropriate and any templates (eg for use in turnery) must be retained for assessment/verification purposes.

Assessment judgements

Centres, in general, continue to make accurate assessment judgements when using the Unit assessment support packs. Additionally, centres that have submitted their own assessments for prior verification are making good assessment judgements.

Centres are reminded to be aware of tolerances when making assessment decisions

There is plenty of evidence of robust internal verification policies being applied in centres and this is to be commended.

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Section 3: General comments

Centres are encouraged to submit their own assessment instruments for prior verification as this will enable them to use an assessment that suits their own circumstances with peace of mind that their approach is valid.