POLICY DOCUMENT

SQA Awarding Body Policy Regarding the Equivalence of TQFE/SE to the National Occupational Standards for Assessors and Internal Verifiers of SVQs or SVQ Units.

SQA Awarding Body has updated its policy regarding the equivalence of TQFE/SE to the A&V units for assessors and internal verifiers of SVQs or SVQ units.

Staff who assess SVQs (or SVQ units) and who possess TQFE/SE without having an appropriate D unit (D32/D33) or either A1 or A2, should undertake continuing professional development (CPD) to demonstrate they are working to the appropriate A unit standard.

Staff who internally verify SVQs (or SVQ units) and who possess TQFE/TQSE without having either i) unit D34 plus CPD or ii) Unit V1, will be required to obtain, or show evidence of working towards, unit V1.

The timescale for ensuring compliance with this change will be either the end of March 2009, or whenever the appropriate Sector Skills Council's Independent Assessment Strategy incorporates this change, whichever is later.

Work Based Core Skills Assessed in the Workplace

Although no Independent Assessment Strategy exists to provide guidance on the qualifications required by assessors and internal verifiers of work based core skills assessed in the workplace, SQA advises that such staff also ensure they are working to the national standards for assessors and internal verifiers. TQFE/SE qualified staff who assess work based core skills in the workplace are also advised to undertake CPD to ensure they are working to the A1 or A2 standard. TQFE/SE qualified staff who internally verify work based core skills in the workplace are advised to obtain unit V1.

Acceptable CPD

Centres wishing to know what evidence will count towards CPD for the A and V units can obtain information from SQA staff, and also download case study examples which appear on the Learning and Development website. Any centre wishing to speak to a verifier about these changes can do so and should contact Mary Black, Qualifications Manager in the first instance.