



**Scottish Vocational Qualifications
Internal Assessment Report 2015
Performing Engineering
Operations**

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

SVQ awards

General comments

All centres were entirely familiar with the National Occupational Standards and Assessment Strategies associated with the SVQ Performing Engineering Operations (PEO) Units. In general, centres adopted a holistic assessment approach in covering the mandatory Units and made good use of naturally occurring events, which was evident within assessment records.

Unit specifications, instruments of assessment and exemplification materials

Centres can demonstrate that they have the current Unit specifications and most also have evidence of standardisation events — which reflected on how centres reviewed some minor changes to the Unit criteria as a result of updating activity by the sector skills council (SSC). There was no evidence of centres using simulated assessment instruments or exemplification materials.

Evidence Requirements

All centres demonstrated compliance with the evidence requirements of all SVQ Unit specifications, including the requirement to demonstrate consistent performance such as providing a minimum of three examples of performance across any expanded assessment criteria as required by the SSC Assessment Strategy.

Administration of assessments

Centres' assessment methods and assessment documentation were broadly similar, although internal quality assurance methods and documentation appear to be varied. There has been a marked improvement in how internal quality assurers support their assessors.

General feedback

Feedback from candidates revealed that they are generally well supported by their assessor/assessment team. Most have very good access to their assessor although many appeared unsure of some of the structure of the qualification they were undertaking. This was a recurring theme.

Areas of good practice

Centres have generally adopted the new approach to quality assurance well and as a result internal quality assurance procedures are starting to become less variable. Although, unfortunately, it was difficult to identify anything specific that could be shared as good practice.

Specific areas for improvement

Centres should strive to have a better understanding of industry requirements. Although adequate to support the NOS, some assessment exercises used in realistic working environments were a bit dated and sometimes they were irrelevant.