



Higher National Qualifications

And

Scottish Vocational Qualifications

Senior Verifier Report

2007

Subject: Hairdressing 62

Sector Panel or SSC: HABIA

The purpose of this report is to provide feedback to centres on verification, which has taken place within Higher National and Scottish Vocational Qualifications in this subject.

**HIGHER NATIONAL UNITS
DN60 35, DN5W 34, DN5V 34**

FEEDBACK TO CENTRES

General comments:

Candidate evidence was of a high standard. Assessment evidence verified met all the requirements for the criteria of each unit. Candidates undertaking these units were undertaking the HNC Award over a two-year cycle. Candidates who were available for discussion gave very positive responses.

Advice on good practice and areas for further development:

Good practice was shown in the following:-

- Induction for all staff involved in delivering the Units
- Use of video evidence and consultation records in one centre to help candidates reflect on consultation procedures
- Good use of photographic evidence

Centre concerns around the marking schemes will be addressed during the annual review of the award by the QM, EVs and members of the Qualifications Support Team.

HIGHER NATIONAL GRADED UNITS

TITLES/LEVELS OF HN GRADED UNITS MODERATED

HNC Hairdressing Graded Unit 1 DP9L 34

HNC Fashion Make Graded Unit 1 DP9T 34 (On Separate Report)

HND Make up Artistry Graded Unit 2 F0WG 35 (On Separate Report)

FEEDBACK TO CENTRES

General comments:

HNC Hairdressing: 6 Centres Centrally Verified, two centres had holds imposed, this has been addressed by centre and is now being resolved

Reasons for holds were as follows: Marking schemes were over generous resulting in Grades not reaching required standards of the Award. It was felt that the overall marking of the Unit was not consistent and that grades achieved were given a higher mark than the evidence presented merited.

One centre had used evidence from the other units in the Mandatory section. The centre produced evidence from SQA which they felt supported this decision; this was discussed and it was agreed that this would not be done in the future.

The other 4 centres reached the required standards of the Award.

Most Portfolio's presented were of a high standard and interpretation of the Unit showed an understanding of all requirements. Photographic evidence was of a high standard and presentation of portfolio's demonstrated a good understanding of requirements for the industry chosen by candidates.

Some concerns expressed on the marking of areas within the Graded Unit; consistency of marking over all of the centres, in most cases this did not change the Grades but changed the mark given.

One centre had produced a diary for supporting evidence, although this may help the candidate it is not necessary for the evidence requirements of the unit.

The planning section of the unit was the weakest area; developing and evaluation was in most cases well presented.

Advice on good practice and areas for further development:

Photographic evidence was of a professional standard and met the requirements of the Graded Unit.

Portfolio presentation demonstrated a good understanding of industry requirements.

Areas of development: Continuity in the marking scheme within the three grades.

QM organized a development meeting which took place in 2007 where Colleges looked at marking of a Graded Unit. This helped support Colleges who were taking on the Award for 2006/7. It was a very valuable exercise and if possible could be repeated as more Colleges have taken on the HNC Hairdressing, this could help lecturing staff when using the assessment exemplar marking scheme.

NATIONAL UNITS

(i.e. Freestanding units which contribute to NPAs or NCs etc.)

TITLES/LEVELS OF NATIONAL UNITS MODERATED

D05L12 Gents Haircutting. D8VN12 Hair Coloring. D8VM12 Special Effects Hair Colouring. F0FA10 Cosmetology: Hairdressing Practical Skills. D05K12 Ladies Haircutting. D05J11 Analysis of Hair and Scalp. D17W11 Shampoo Hair and Scalp. D05G11 Dry Hair into Style.

FEEDBACK TO CENTRES

General comments:

The overall standard of work submitted was of a good standard. Evidence was shown from three centres. Areas of concern were in some cases over assessment, and clarity of assessment marking schemes. The NC is being currently developed to update all areas. External Verification was carried out in a greater number of centres 2005/06, this is a two-year cycle for verification

It would appear that more centres are putting in place the units from the NPA in Cosmetology, and interest was shown in the development of updated NC Units.

Advice on good practice and areas for further development:

Good practice was shown in the use of photographic evidence to support candidate's practical checklists. The use of practical formative assessment with supporting evaluative written feedback to candidates. Good recording documentation.

Advice for further development included, clarity in marking scheme for closed book assessment, care to be taken in the evidence requirements for units as in some cases over assessment was evident.