



# Skills for Work UPDATE

Equipping young people with the skills they need for tomorrow's workforce

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## Welcome back

and a big thank you...to all of you...for making the first year of the pilot the success that undoubtedly it has been.

In August 208 Phase 1 Skills for Work Courses were successfully completed, and certificated. The first of many to come!

A busy year lies ahead for all of us. We're expecting an additional 4,000 candidates in Phase 2...who will be joining the 1,000 plus candidates already on Phase 1 Courses.

Development Managers (Officers) have already started this session's support visits to new and existing pilot centres.

However, you don't need to wait for a visit.

Please get in touch...at anytime...with your questions, comments and suggestions.

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## Summer surfing

**Have you checked out the website recently?**

**Our Skills for Work website is having a facelift!**

Changes so far include useful **Course specific** pages, giving you quick access to the information most relevant to you.

Future developments will include links to the SFEU support materials...and even video clips and images for promotional use with pupils and parents.

**Let us know what you think.**

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## Dual Attainment Reporting

The Scottish Executive Education Department (SEED) have confirmed the availability of Dual Attainment Reporting for pupils certificated in August 2007.

### What could this mean for me?

School pupils undertaking Course(s) in partnership with a college (or other approved centres such as a consortium of schools), will have their attainment in those Course(s) credited to their school – as well as to the actual delivery centre.

### Can you explain that please?

Schools with pupils about to embark on a one or two year Skills for Work Course (ie in session 2006/07 with certification in either 2007 or 2008) and that are working in partnership with a college, or other approved centre, in order to gain credit for their pupils' attainment will no longer require to:

- seek approval from SQA
- make SFW Course and Unit entries
- submit SFW Unit results

The presenting centre will have these responsibilities.

**...Well worth checking if this applies to your Skills for Work partnership.**

See the *Operational Guidance for all Skills for Work pilot centres (2006/07)* for full details.

## Reminder

~~Read operational guide~~ ✓

~~Get approved~~ ✓

~~Read operational guide again~~ ✓

Enter candidates **To do**

send results **To do**

**Seriously though**...please ensure we know all we need to know about your candidates...at the right time.

You'll find full information on managing your candidates' data in the *Operational Guidance for all Skills for Work pilot centres (2006/07)* ...also available on our website.

[www.sqa.org.uk/skillsforwork](http://www.sqa.org.uk/skillsforwork)

## What a result!

Our survey of all candidates completing their Skills for Work Courses this summer produced some very encouraging results:

- 97.8% enjoyed their Skills for Work Courses
- 98.2% agreed they had learnt about working with others
- 94.7% acknowledged they had learnt about what happens in the workplace
- 92.9% learnt to review their own work
- 94.7% learnt about the skills and attitudes employers want

I enjoyed going to college. It made me more confident with other people and myself.

Very enjoyable and would urge anyone to do the Course.

Gets me ready for work.

You can view a full summary of the questionnaire findings on our website...

[www.sqa.org.uk/skillsforwork](http://www.sqa.org.uk/skillsforwork)

## SFEU

SFEU runs their Get Skilled Up event to support college lecturers who are delivering Skills for Work Courses.

The event focuses on managing the learning process for 14–16 year olds to develop skills and qualities necessary for the world of work.

Within the session, teaching methods are explored, language unpacked, the difference between Core Skills and employability skills discussed and any challenges experienced to date considered.

The event addresses key questions such as:

- Will these students be different from the students I normally teach?
- What will I need to do differently?
- How can I integrate employability into my teaching?

Get Skilled Up events are held at SFEU in Stirling on a choice of dates:

**27 September 6 October**

**13 November 1 December**

You can register online at: [www.sfeu.ac.uk](http://www.sfeu.ac.uk)

## Watch this space...

- SQA's report on year one of the pilot will be published soon. The report will also be available on our website.
- The next Update Newsletter could feature your Sfw candidates!

We are keen to share good ideas, innovative practice... and candidate success stories. If you have a Skills for Work experience you'd like to share...we'd love to hear from you.

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