



**National Qualifications 2015  
Internal Assessment Report  
Skills for Work  
Practical Experience:  
Construction & Engineering**

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

# National Qualifications (NQ) Awards

Titles/levels of NQ Awards verified:

Practical Experience: Construction & Engineering (National 3)

## General comments

Two centres received verification visits for this Course this session. Both centres were colleges and the centres had a full understanding of the requirements of the standards.

Most candidates were recruited from local schools and were from S3/S4.

Although this is only a small sample of centres offering the Award it is pleasing to note that the standard of candidate presentation is again showing improvement.

One of the centres had recently undergone amalgamation with another two centres and was in the process of reviewing their recently designed joint procedures.

## Course Arrangements, Unit specifications, instruments of assessment and exemplification materials

Both centres had made use of Course Arrangements document when designing the format and timing of the Course. They were also familiar with the Unit specifications and recorded this in their internal verification procedures.

The centres were using the SQA-produced National Assessment Bank materials for assessing candidates.

## Evidence Requirements

The centres both had a clear understanding of the Evidence Requirements by making use of Unit NABs for candidate assessment.

The centres were also using the support materials produced by Scotlands' Colleges to prepare candidates for both written and practical assessments.

## Administration of assessments

Candidates were suitably prepared for the assessment process by the centre information and support material references supplied to them.

The centres were able to produce relevant internal verification procedures during the visits and displayed evidence of consistency with the procedures.

## **Areas of good practice**

Both centres had set up good partnership links (which are essential to candidate development).

Both centres had provided excellent assessor feedback to candidates to enable development of Employability Skills.

The candidate practical work viewed during verification was to a high standard in both centres with one centre carrying out local community projects as part of the Course — candidates in this instance were particularly proud of this link. This centre was also actively promoting the Course to female school candidates.

## **Specific areas for improvement**

For the past few years this report has recommended that centres should consider preparing alternative assessments for the written/oral Employability Skills assessments to allow candidates who require remediation after the initial assessment to be fully re-assessed. This is still the case this year.

Centres which were subject to amalgamation should continue to review their internal verification procedures to ensure that they remain fit for purpose.