



# **Internal Assessment Report: Skills for Work — Practical Experiences: Construction and Engineering (Access 3) (VG 411)**

Sector Panel or SSC: Engineering, Science and Mathematics

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

# National Units

## Titles/levels of National Units verified

<b>C240 09</b>	<b>SfW Practical Experiences: Construction and Engineering</b>
DX15 09	Practical Experiences in Construction
DX16 09	Practical Experiences in Engineering
DX17 09	Developing Employability Skills in Construction and Engineering

## General comments

This report details external verification activity in session 2008 to 2009 in the verification group Practical Experiences: Construction and Engineering (Access 3), which is a Skills for Work Course. Five lead centres were externally verified, of which four were colleges and the other was a school. However, in the case of one of the colleges, 80% of the Skills for Work Course was delivered in a school, with the remaining 20% being delivered in the college because of its specialist nature. In at least three of the centres, staff continued to use NAB materials.

The three External Verifiers deployed to the five centres accepted the 14 Units they verified.

## Advice on good practice and areas for further development

### Good practice observed

The verifiers identified the following areas of good practice:

- ◆ All materials required for external verification were made available to the External Verifiers.
- ◆ The standard of candidates' practical and written work was generally good.
- ◆ Centres are developing innovative formative assessments for the award.
- ◆ There was evidence of internal verification taking place, including minutes of verification team meetings.
- ◆ In one centre, Skills for Work candidates were allowed to undertake some learning on a full-time programme so they could see at first hand the qualification they could progress to once they had completed their Skills for Work Course.
- ◆ Employability skills continue to be integrated into the Course, and by completing review sheets candidates can reflect on the employability skills they are developing.
- ◆ In one centre, there was evidence of good induction into the Course and Units, with candidates made aware of opportunities to develop employability skills from an early stage.
- ◆ In one centre, good workshop practice and safety were reviewed on a regular basis using checklists completed by the candidates.

### Areas for further development

Verifiers have encouraged centres to develop alternative assessments to the existing NAB materials to reflect candidates' own development needs and areas of interest in construction and engineering.