

Skills Test Criteria – Plastering (STPL1)

SQA Unit Code HN3D 04

This should be the final Unit delivered within the SVQ.

We do not expect this test to run more than 12 hours on consecutive days and work should be planned accordingly.

The following criteria describe the standard/tolerances the candidate must meet in relation to each of the different skill elements.

The pass mark for the overall test should be 70%, if a candidate doesn't achieve this the whole test should be considered as a fail.

Cut and fix plasterboard to ceiling and apply one coat lightweight finishing plaster

Board and Scrim Ceiling and Duct Boarding	Gaps between boards should be 2 – 4 mm wide Not more than 230mm between screw fixings Boards Staggered (break to bond)
Fiba Scrimming	Scrim cut to required length and not over-lapping within 25mm Scrim completely covered with plaster, no dry scrim showing
finishing ceiling	Flatness; maximum deviation 5mm Ceiling/duct angle straightness; maximum deviation Finish surface trowelled smooth generally free from gauls, trowel marks and blemishes
finish of duct	Duct angle bead straight: 5mm Ducted face plumb: 3mm Duct soffit level in width: 3mm Duct soffit level in length: 5mm Flatness: Maximum deviation 5mm Finish surface trowelled smooth generally free from gauls, flat trowel marks and blemishes Duct/wall 'B' angle straightness: max deviation 5mm Bead edge to show clean and free from over-lapping finishing/setting coat plaster

Rendering and Dry Dash

Apply cement/sand and lime render plain face and textured finished in two coat work to wall area 'A' and attached pier.

Accuracy of plane face at wall 'A' and attached pier	Plumb at L/H angle: 3mm Mid point: 3mm R/H angle: 3mm Flat and straight at ceiling level: 3mm At skirting level (above bell cast bead): 3mm Diagonally: 3mm
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	Bell cast fully formed throughout its length: 3mm Stopped end evenly shaped/formed
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Pier	Plumb checked the angle between the pier and wall 'A': 3mm
Square	Checked overall – deviation from a right angle: 3mm
Appearance – wall 'A' and pier return	Surface plain float finish with even texture overall, generally free from scratch marks, scour lines and misses
Appearance – wall 'A' at attached pier face	Dry dash, chips spread evenly, free from trowel marks, no misses or whip marks

Lightweight Plaster in two coats work to wall area

Wall	Plumb and straight L/H angle: 3mm R/H angle: 3mm Flatness at ceiling height: 3mm At skirting height: 3mm
Window opening	Reveals square off the window: 2mm Reveals parallel off the window: 3mm Soffit square off the window: 2mm Soffit parallel off the window: 3mm
Appearance	Finished surfaces towelled smooth, generally free from gauls, flat trowel marks and blemishes. Bead edges to show clean and free from overlapping finishing/setting coat plaster

Drylining

Fixing wallboard around attached pier	Cut and fix wall board around the attached pier gaps to not exceed 2-4mm at top and bottom of wall and beam angle
	Boards fully secured with dabs not exceeding 300mm minimum centres
	Square at wall 'B' and 'C' at three points, high/middle/bottom: tolerance 3mm
	Plumb (both sides): Tolerance 3mm
	External angle plumb: tolerance 3mm
	Cutting to socket outlet accurate: tolerance all sides) 5mm
	Margins at wall 'B' and 'C' at three points, high/Middle/bottom: tolerance 3mm
	External angle board to have uncut edges with no damage or bruising to boards