



National Unit Specification: general information

UNIT Roofing: Random Slating to Vertical Surfaces (SCQF level 6)

CODE F7CY 12

SUMMARY

This Unit is suitable for candidates working towards a Modern Apprenticeship in Roofing Occupations and is designed to provide candidates with competence in the use of tools and equipment to prepare, set out and cover boarded vertical surfaces with random slates in diminishing courses and the ability to apply these skills in the workplace. It is also designed to enable candidates to develop their knowledge and understanding and use roof slating terminology and traditional techniques and practices when fixing random slates to boarded vertical roof surfaces.

OUTCOMES

- 1 Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of vertical backgrounds, terminology and sequence of operations for the application of random slating to vertical surfaces.
- 2 Prepare and set out vertical surface and slates prior to random slating.
- 3 Position and fix random slates to vertical surface.

RECOMMENDED ENTRY

While entry is at the discretion of the centre, candidates undertaking the Professional Development Award in Roof Slating, Tiling and Cement Work at SCQF level 6 must meet the requirements of the Modern Apprentices which include being employed in the relevant craft industry.

CREDIT VALUE

1 credit at SCQF level 6 (6 SCQF credit points at SCQF level 6*).

**SCQF credit points are used to allocate credit to qualifications in the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF). Each qualification in the Framework is allocated a number of SCQF credit points at an SCQF level. There are 12 SCQF levels, ranging from Access 1 to Doctorates.*

Administrative Information

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CORE SKILLS

While there is no automatic certification of Core Skills or Core Skills components in this Unit, opportunities to develop aspects of the following Core Skills are highlighted in the Support Notes of this Unit Specification:

- ◆ *Problem Solving* at SCQF level 4
- ◆ *Numeracy* at SCQF level 4
- ◆ *Information and Communication Technology* at SCQF level 3
- ◆ *Working with Others* at SCQF level 4
- ◆ *Communication* at SCQF level 4

National Unit Specification: statement of standards

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Acceptable performance in this Unit will be the satisfactory achievement of the standards set out in this part of the Unit Specification. All sections of the statement of standards are mandatory and cannot be altered without reference to SQA.

OUTCOME 1

Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of vertical backgrounds, terminology and sequence of operations for the application of random slating to vertical surfaces.

Performance Criteria

- (a) Identify types of backgrounds.
- (b) Define terminology related to vertical surfaces.
- (c) Describe the sequence of operations required for covering a vertical surface.

OUTCOME 2

Prepare and set out vertical surface and slates prior to random slating.

Performance Criteria

- (a) Prepare roof surface prior to slating.
- (b) Form lead work to vertical surface.
- (c) Set out vertical surface.
- (d) Dress, size and grade slates.
- (e) Comply with all current health and safety requirements at all times.

OUTCOME 3

Position and fix random slates to vertical surface.

Performance Criteria

- (a) Fix random slates to vertical surfaces and diminishing courses.
- (b) Form weather-tight finish around vertical surface.
- (c) Comply with all current health and safety requirements at all times.

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EVIDENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS UNIT

Evidence is required to demonstrate that the candidates have achieved this Unit to the standard specified in all the Outcomes and Performance Criteria. All working practices must be in line with relevant and current health and safety legislation and regulations.

Written and/or oral evidence is required for Outcome 1 which demonstrates that the candidate can identify types of backgrounds, and describe the terminology and sequence of operations associated with random slate roof coverings in diminishing courses to a vertical surface. The evidence for this Outcome will take the form of a question paper and be obtained under open book supervised conditions.

Performance and product evidence for Outcomes 2 and 3, supplemented with an assessor observation checklist, should be used to confirm the candidate has individually met the standards specified in the Performance Criteria and summary of standards.

Candidates must achieve the following standards:

◆ Felt dormer cheek overhand at lead 50 mm \pm 5 mm	Cut straight at parallel with roof
◆ Felt at external corner	Felt overlap at corner 150 mm \pm 5 mm
◆ Felt at roof opening	Upstand 25 mm \pm 5 mm
◆ Fix felt	Free from large wrinkles and tears
◆ Fix felt	Nailed in correct position
◆ Dress slates	Acceptable appearance throughout
◆ Size slates	All slates correctly sized
◆ Calculate under-eave size	States method used
◆ Determine starting position	Head lines struck to correct size \pm 3 mm
◆ Cut slates to rake of roof	Straight over lead 50 mm \pm 5 mm
◆ Calculate soaker size	States correct method used
◆ Cut soakers to size	Correct length and width \pm 3 mm
◆ Fix slates to tail lines	level \pm 3 mm
◆ Fix soakers (external corner and opening) 3 mm	Soakers shaped and fixed to gauge
◆ Fix soakers	Nailed in correct position
◆ Cut and fix lead apron and overlap over slates	Apron cut and fixed to give correct side
◆ All slates fixed by two nails	Slates fixed tight, no rattling
◆ Fix slates at lead skew	Free from nail punctures
◆ Bond slates	All slates correctly bonded
◆ Form external mitre	Slates cut tight $-$ 3 mm
◆ Grade slates	Slates evenly graded throughout
◆ Slating at opening	Slates correctly bonded above opening
◆ Finished at dormer top	Finished with correct size to top slate
◆ Working area	Clean at all times
◆ Health and safety	Complies at all times

These evidence requirements will be met by the completion of the Training and Assessment Programme (TAP) Roof Slating, Tiling and Cement Work.

National Unit Specification: support notes

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This part of the Unit Specification is offered as guidance. The support notes are not mandatory.

While the exact time allocated to this Unit is at the discretion of the centre, the notional design length is 40 hours.

GUIDANCE ON THE CONTENT AND CONTEXT FOR THIS UNIT

This Unit has been developed as a mandatory Unit in the Professional Development Award (PDA) in Roof Slating, Tiling and Cement Work at SCQF level 6.

This Unit would be offered to candidates from the construction and related service industries. The skills and knowledge and understanding are transferable within different working environments but the Unit is primarily aimed at candidates whose normal place of work would be a site, workshop, or similar environment. It should be delivered as part of a structured programme of training and orientated to the context of the candidate's work and area of responsibility.

The successful completion of this Unit will help provide candidates with the required underpinning knowledge and skills relating to the terminology, preparation and application of random slating in diminishing courses to a vertical surface.

The context of this Unit allows for a holistic integrated approach into other Units within the PDA in Roof Slating, Tiling and Cement Work. Therefore there are opportunities to integrate this Unit with aspects of *Roofing: Random Slating to Gabled Roofs* and *Roofing: Random Slating to Hip and Valley Roofs* at SCQF level 6.

Health and Safety and Sustainability are integral and key to the construction industry and so throughout the Unit emphasis will be placed where appropriate on the application of Health and Safety and Sustainability. Safety working practices should be looked at in accordance with current safety codes of practice and regulations. Sustainability should include reference to legislation affecting the conservation of the environment and its relevance to this trade and the construction industry in general. Attention should also be drawn to the dangers of not implementing this legislation.

GUIDANCE ON LEARNING AND TEACHING APPROACHES FOR THIS UNIT

The learning environment for this Unit will be a combination of classroom and workshop based learning. The knowledge element of this Unit would be taught in a classroom environment and put into practice in the workshop in conjunction with practical Outcomes.

The candidate should be given the opportunity to further develop their skills through visual aids, electronic presentations, DVDs, e-learning, reference books, classroom exercise, and group discussions.

Candidates should be encouraged to consider basic risk assessment **prior** to any practical activities taking place.

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Outcome 1

It would be beneficial for candidates to sketch and draw various elements related to random slating in diminishing courses to a vertical surface. This will help reinforce candidates' underpinning knowledge for this Unit.

Outcomes 2 and 3

It is recommended that candidates work in pairs for these Outcomes. Candidates should be encouraged in self and peer evaluation of work and achievement standards.

The candidate should be provided with a 3 dimensional working drawing and specification outlining the content and Performance Criteria for the practical activities attempted.

Candidates should be made fully aware of current regulations and legislation in relation the roofing activities contained within this Unit.

It would be beneficial for lecturers to reinforce the appropriate disposal and re-use of roofing materials for sustainability considerations.

Candidates should be encouraged to calculate areas and quantities of roofing materials. This could take place in a classroom or a workshop environment. Candidates could take the opportunity to use spreadsheets to compile and record information related to material estimating.

Lecturers should provide candidates with constructive feedback in relation to performance and the standard achieved. Areas for improvement should be clearly identified.

Opportunities should be taken throughout the delivery of this Unit to meet the requirements of the generic Units of the Training and Assessment Programme including:

- ◆ *Conform to Efficient Working Practices*
- ◆ *Conform to General Workplace Safety*
- ◆ *Move and Handle Resources*
- ◆ *Confirm Work Activities and Resources for the Work*
- ◆ *Develop and Maintain Good Working Relationships*
- ◆ *Confirm the Occupational Method of Work*

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CORE SKILL DEVELOPMENT

There are opportunities to develop aspects of the Core Skill of *Problem Solving* at SCQF level 4. Candidates will need to take account of a range of factors in order to work efficiently and safely, such as the choice of tools, appropriate materials, safety issues, safety equipment and sustainability. Individual discussions with assessors and the use of role play will enhance the evaluation of efficient working practices.

Numeracy skills at SCQF level 4 could be developed through roofing calculations for area and material estimating.

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Opportunities also arise for candidates to develop the Core Skill of *Information and Communication Technology* at SCQF level 3 through researching roofing terminology and techniques on the internet, spreadsheets for materials information, e-learning and e-assessment.

There are opportunities for candidates to develop the Core Skill of *Working with Others* at SCQF level 4 through working in pairs for Outcomes 2 and 3. Candidates can agree responsibilities and provide support and information to each other during the practical group activities.

Candidates will have the opportunity to develop *Communication* skills at SCQF level 4 throughout practical tasks, as they should be expected to communicate with others using the correct terminology, tone and style suited to the workplace.

GUIDANCE ON APPROACHES TO ASSESSMENT FOR THIS UNIT

Section 10 of the Roof Slating, Tiling and Cement Work Training and Assessment Programme (TAP) provides detailed assessment material for this Unit. It is advised to use the TAP which has been developed centrally by SQA. Any other instruments of assessment used must be comparable to the TAP and have been through prior verification. It is expected that candidates will be given as much practice as possible, prior to being set assessment tasks.

For Outcome 1 a suitable method of assessing the candidate's knowledge and understanding of common roof types, terminology and sequence of operations for random slating in diminishing courses to a vertical surface would be through a question paper incorporating multiple choice questions.

For Outcome 2 and 3 the candidate's ability to set out random slating in diminishing courses to a gabled surface will be assessed through practical activities. An assessor observation checklist can be used to ensure and record that the candidates have met the given standards and tolerances during the practical activity.

Opportunities for the use of e-assessment

E-assessment may be appropriate for some assessments in this Unit. By e-assessment we mean assessment which is supported by Information and Communication Technology (ICT), such as e-testing or the use of e-portfolios or e-checklists. Centres which wish to use e-assessment must ensure that the national standard is applied to all candidate evidence and that conditions of assessment as specified in the Evidence Requirements are met, regardless of the mode of gathering evidence. Further advice is available in *SQA Guidelines on Online Assessment for Further Education (AA1641, March 2003)*, *SQA Guidelines on e-assessment for Schools (BD2625, June 2005)*.

DISABLED CANDIDATES AND/OR THOSE WITH ADDITIONAL SUPPORT NEEDS

The additional support needs of individual candidates should be taken into account when planning learning experiences, selecting assessment instruments, or considering whether any reasonable adjustments may be required. Further advice can be found on our website www.sqa.org.uk/assessmentarrangements.