



Occupational Health and Safety Assessment Strategy for National & Scottish Vocational Qualifications

Introduction

The standards require evidence of consistent occupational competence, as defined by the standards, to be demonstrated through relevant work activities. A variety of assessment methods should be used to confirm competence. Assessment of knowledge should be integrated with the assessment of performance wherever possible and appropriate.

Assessment of performance and knowledge in the workplace

All evidence must be derived from performance in the workplace with no exceptions. Therefore **no simulated working conditions** have been specified in this Assessment Strategy.

The Requirements for Occupational Expertise of Assessors and Verifiers

Awarding Bodies must ensure that Assessors and Verifiers:

1. Have verifiable and relevant current industry experience and competence in the occupational working area at, or above, the level being assessed and evidence the quality of the occupational experience to ensure the credibility of the assessment judgements. Assessors' and verifiers' experience and competence could be evidenced by:
 - Curriculum vitae and references
 - Possession of a relevant health and safety qualification
 - Appropriate membership of a relevant professional institution
 - Continuing Professional Development (CPD)
2. Only assess or verify in their acknowledged area of professional competence
3. Have appropriate knowledge and understanding of the current NOS
4. Actively engage in relevant professional development
5. All assessors and verifiers must meet the required criteria in the qualifications regulators current regulation documentation.