

## **Delivering the New Training and Assessment Programmes (TAPs).**

SQA facilitated a Quality Network on 30 August 2013 to enable centres, industry and External Verifiers to discuss and agree approaches to be adopted when recording an assessor's decisions to overlook a '*Practical Training Activity*' for an individual candidate in any of the following circumstances.

- Prior achievement.
- Prior experience.
- Duplication of 'Training Activities' within the Training and Assessment Programmes (TAPs)

### **Quality Assurance.**

Most candidates will undertake all practical training and practical assessment activities during their training. However, a few candidates may have a range of skills, experience, knowledge or qualifications which must be considered.

It is vital that when assessors make a decision in relation to any of the circumstances listed above; this is done on an individual candidate basis only.

The assessor needs to record the reason for their decision and the evidence used to support this decision in the feedback section of the '*Practical Training Activity*'

The following criteria must be considered when making a decision in relation to a '*Practical Training Activity*' for any TAP.

#### **Prior Achievement:**

When considering any prior achievement of units or qualifications that a candidate may have, the assessor needs to be confident that the standards and tolerances achieved previously are at the same level or are more stringent than those of the '*Practical Training Activity*' being considered.

The assessor will need to record evidence to support this in the feedback section of the '*Practical Training Activity*'

#### **Prior Experience.**

When considering any prior experience that a candidate may have in relation to any specific '*Practical Training Activity*'. It is important that the assessor considers the standards and tolerances of the subsequent '*Practical Assessment*' to be undertaken by the candidate, and whether their experience is sufficient to meet the demands of this assessment

The assessor will need to record evidence to support this in the feedback section of the '*Practical Training Activity*'

### **Duplication of Training Activities.**

When an assessor decides to omit a '*Practical Training Activity*' due to their being a duplication of activity with another PDA Unit/TAPs. The assessor must be confident that the candidate will be able to meet the standards and tolerances of the more difficult of the two '*Practical Training Activities*'.

It is important that the assessor considers the standards and tolerances of the subsequent '*Practical Assessment*' to be undertaken by the candidate.

The assessor will need to record evidence to support this in the feedback section of the '*Practical Training Activity*'

Agreed potential duplication within each Craft's TAP's are listed in the document titled: Areas of potential duplication in 'Practical Training Activities'