

## **Approaches to Delivery and Assessment**

The approaches to delivery and assessment are as follows:

### **Delivery**

The HNC will be available for part-time study.

The exact pattern of attendance will be negotiated by individual Centres, but it is envisaged that study will consist of classroom-based activity and supported self-study, using appropriate e-learning strategies.

### **Assessment**

To successfully achieve the HNC Watch Management (Fire and Rescue Service) award candidates must achieve all units plus the Graded Unit. Units will be assessed using a variety of methods including extended response, report writing, presentations and role-play. The Graded Unit is in the form of an investigative project and is specific to the Fire and Rescue Service.

The assessment strategy is based upon a horizontal approach to delivery of identified core management elements and has led to the identification of a series of 'themed topics' which encompass elements of all constituent subjects of the award simultaneously, allowing for completion of whole subject areas on an incremental basis, whilst underpinning strong coverage of each topic through an integrative approach. The selection of subjects for inclusion in the awards was done with this in mind. The HNC builds on the PDA in Crew Management and includes the following themed topics:

- Preparing For Future Directions
- Collect And Communicate Information
- Developing Leadership And Management Skills
- Implementing And Evaluating Actions

The themed topics will be assessed holistically, using a variety of assessment methodologies, including restricted response, role-play, extended response and integrative project work. Each assessment will provide coverage of multiple elements of the target units in accordance with the 'themed' approach.

The content of the award has been designed with online/distance learning in mind and will be suitable for electronic delivery methodology.