Scottish Vocational Qualifications
Internal Assessment Report 2012
Performing Engineering Operations

The purpose of this report is to provide feedback to centres on verification in
Scottish Vocational Qualifications in this subject.

SVQ awards

General comments

Centres generally have a clear understanding of the national standards, although they appear to be not well informed about the process of impending changes. Staff delivering these awards are advised to refresh their knowledge of the sector skills council's assessment strategy requirements from time to time.

Unit specifications, instruments of assessment and exemplification materials

The assessment instruments used by centres are tried and tested and entirely suitable. There is no need for exemplification materials or simulated activities.

This qualification is intended to be delivered in the work environment. All assessments are conducted in conditions that reflect realistic working environments.

Evidence Requirements

No centres made any incorrect interpretations of the Evidence Requirements for these qualifications.

Administration of assessments

Records of assessment activity are generally well maintained. Most centres use a standard approach. However, approaches to internal quality assurance are varied. Some centres have moved forward and developed a very good standard of quality assurance, where as other centres — although still meeting the assessment strategy requirements — have not.

General feedback

Candidates appear to have very good support from the centres delivering this qualification. Any equality of access to assessment issues are well addressed by centres.

Areas of good practice

One centre has embraced SQA's new approach to quality assurance. As a result, their QA system has benefitted from efficiencies including the facilitation of external quality assurance visits from SQA.

Specific areas for improvement

The new approach to quality assurance should be adopted by all centres. This approach will underline specifically what actions they must take for each audit criterion and efficiencies will self-generate as a result.