



**Higher National and Vocational Qualifications
Internal Assessment Report 2012
Photography**

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

Higher National Units

General comments

All centres visited fully understand the requirements of the Higher National Units.

Unit specifications, instruments of assessment and exemplification materials

Assessors have a clear understanding of the Units, instruments of assessments, and any exemplification material available.

Evidence Requirements

Evidence provided meets all the requirements of the Units.

Administration of assessments

Each centre has a different system dependant on how a Unit is being used, eg as part of a related course or as an element of a photo-specific course.

In every instance the assessments were appropriate and supported by an effective internal verification system.

General feedback

Overall the general standard of the Higher National work presented is good.

Many centres now use online facilities to inform or give feedback; this was welcomed by the candidates.

Areas of good practice

Use of national and international competitions integrated into Unit work raises the standard, challenges candidates, and leads to a professional approach to the subject.

Some centres use a Unit as a learning vehicle in a foreign exchange programme, resulting in an exhibition in the country visited.

Specific areas for improvement

All centres verified this year have addressed the needs and requirements of the Units offered and no specific areas for improvement have been identified.

Higher National Graded Units

Titles/levels of HN Graded Units verified:

DW91 34 Photography: Graded Unit 1

DX0D 35 Photography: Graded Unit 2

General comments

Specialist centres offering these Units are fully aware of the requirements and of national standards.

Unit specifications, instruments of assessment and exemplification materials

Assessors are always fully abreast of the requirements of the Unit specifications, instruments of assessment and exemplification material.

Evidence Requirements

Evidence for these Units varies for these units dependant on the theme or subject selected by the candidate, but in all cases the work presented demonstrates a clear understanding of the unit requirement.

Administration of assessments

Assessment was detailed and thorough within all centres visited; internal verification systems were effective in all cases.

General feedback

Feedback to candidates was in general specific to the project followed and timeously given.

Candidate feedback was positive about how each system was working.

Areas of good practice

Effective use of online feedback is commended.

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