



Internal Assessment Report (2009): Civil Engineering (Construction Engineering)

Sector Panel or SSC:

ConstructionSkills

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

Higher National Graded Units

Titles/levels of Higher National Graded Units verified

Civil Engineering Graded Unit 2

General comments

On the basis of the one centre externally verified, centres have an increasing awareness of the importance of ensuring that candidates' progress is regularly monitored to ensure consistent application and conformance to set deadlines.

Further, the requirement for candidates to have certain prerequisite skills (eg referencing) before embarking on Graded Unit projects is acknowledged by centres.

Advice on good practice and areas for further development

Strict target deadlines should be set by centres for individual sections of the Graded Units to ensure steady progress by candidates throughout projects.

The timetabling of prerequisite Units should be considered carefully to ensure that candidates have the necessary skills to undertake Graded Unit projects. Centres might consider the suggested programme of Units in the Course approval documents. In this regard, centres should consider that a significant number of successful HND candidates progress to enter the second or third years of degrees, where skills such as referencing will be expected.