



Internal Assessment Report (2009): Plumbing

Sector Panel or SSC:

SummitSkills

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

SVQ Awards

Titles/levels of SVQ Awards verified

G77H 23: Mechanical Engineering Services: Domestic Plumbing (SQA/SNIJIB) (level 3)

General comments

All assessments that were verified were to a good standard and complied with SQA and SummitSkills assessment methods and assessment strategies.

There was a significant improvement in the gathering of work place evidence, with only some first year candidates not available. We expect to receive these sometime between the EV visit and the end of term.

The new plumbing Teaching and Assessment Units (TAUs) were e-mailed to centres just after the summer break. However, while the centres' SQA contact forwarded them to the plumbing sections, some did not pass on the instruction to use them as soon as possible. This meant that some plumbing sections did not start to use them till later in the session.

During some EV visits it became apparent that the assessments contained some errors. In these cases, centres should record the errors and their proposed amendments during an internal verification meeting. Centres should also report any errors to SQA's quality officer. Centres are thanked for the way that they prepared for EV visits; in most cases this allowed for effective EV visits.

Advice on good practice and areas for further development

Centres should continue with the present Unit 5: Electricity (contained in the TAUs) for candidates enrolling this session (2009-2010). Instructions for the introduction of the new Unit will be forwarded as it becomes available.

Centres should show evidence that Internal Verifiers have the V1 Unit, or are working towards it with specific end dates, or are TQFE-qualified and have evidence of CPD to meet the standards.

New standards have been drafted by SummitSkills which may be introduced for the 2010 intake.

National Units

Titles/levels of National Units verified

G8H4 45: NPA in Construction

Units F1JP 10, F1JN 10, F1JR 10 (mandatory), F1L6 10, F1L7 11, F1L8 11, FILA 11, F1LB 11 (optional)

General comments

Only one centre was externally verified for Plumbing. The standard of drawing and lead work was very good.