



**Higher National Qualifications**

**And**

**Scottish Vocational Qualifications**

**Senior Verifier Report**

**2008**

**Subject: Civil Engineering**

**Sector Panel or SSC: Construction**

**Date: 28<sup>th</sup> July 2008**

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

## HIGHER NATIONAL UNITS

### FEEDBACK TO CENTRES

*Insert details relating to specific guidance which should be offered to centres based on the verification of centres.*

*Include:*

- *General comments*
- *Areas of good practice*
- *Areas for further development*

#### **General comments:**

Only a few centres delivered HN Civil engineering courses and the focus of verification was on the new Graded Units delivered by centres for the first occasion. Units which were sampled were delivered to the required standards and assessed and graded accordingly.

#### **Advice on good practice and areas for further development:**

Documentation was clear and consistent with requirements. Encouragement of candidates via instructive comments on scripts was good.

## HIGHER NATIONAL GRADED UNITS

### TITLES/LEVELS OF HN GRADED UNITS VERIFIED

HNC Civil Engineering Graded unit 1 FO3N 34  
HND Civil Engineering Graded unit 2 FO8H 35  
HNC Construction Engineering Graded unit 1 FO3P 34

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### General comments:

There was a varied candidate response to the challenges of the graded units. Some were poorly presented, and some were very well presented. Centres used the correct assessments, (mostly the exemplars). Timetabling of units relevant to the completion of the graded units was an issue with some candidates. Feedback from candidates was that the graded unit projects were very useful, interesting, relevant and challenging. Good candidates were motivated to achieve high grades.

### Advice on good practice and areas for further development:

#### Good practice:

Use of action points together with marking feedback  
Use of intranet communications between candidates and assessors for information requests on project briefs  
Use of assessment packs which were standardised.

#### Further Development

Pre requisite units need to be carefully scheduled to enable candidates to deal effectively with the challenges of graded units.  
Candidates need more instruction in the use of references in reports.  
Formalised written feedback should be given to candidates at relevant stages throughout the graded unit work.

## **SVQ AWARDS**

Civil Engineering SVQ's are awarded in conjunction with the combination of ICE and CIOB and are therefore included in the report for Construction Technician (Group 161).

## **TITLES/LEVELS OF SVQ AWARDS VERIFIED**

*Insert details below*

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## **General comments:**

## **Advice on good practice and areas for further development:**

**NATIONAL UNITS**

**(i.e. Freestanding units which contribute to NPAs or NCs etc.)**

**TITLES/LEVELS OF NATIONAL UNITS VERIFIED**

*Insert details below*

**NONE**

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