



Higher National Qualifications

And

Scottish Vocational Qualifications

Internal Assessment Report

2008

Subject: Construction Technician

Sector Panel or SSC: Construction

Date: 28th 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:

In drawing units requiring sketches, candidate should be encouraged to do these without the assistance of instruments. This will develop the sketching skills essential in technical communications.

CAD provision should allow flexible and regular access for candidates.

Text book provision needs to be regularly updated to accommodate the dynamic nature of the industry with changing regulatory requirements for health and safety, sustainability etc. Alternatively on line database systems can be useful

Advice on good practice and areas for further development:

Identified good practice:

- Archiving systems for candidates marked scripts
- Structured subject folders

Areas for further development:

- Re-sit assessments should be prepared, available and preferably prior verified. Assessments should also clearly state the conditions and the requirement for a pass.
- Specific feedback should be appended to the candidates' scripts.

HIGHER NATIONAL GRADED UNITS

TITLES/LEVELS OF HN GRADED UNITS VERIFIED

Insert details below

HNC Construction Graded unit 1 DX20 34

HNC Quantity Surveying Graded Unit DX22 34

HNC Construction Management Graded Unit 1 DX21 34

HND Architectural Technology Graded Unit 2 DX25 34

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General comments:

Centres used the provided exemplar projects for this year. New, and prior verified, assessments will be required next year. The Qualifications Support Team for this subject area shall discuss the way forward for this ie each centre developing one and exchanging with each other.

Feedback from candidates was very favourable in terms of the usefulness of the graded unit projects.

Generally centres should carefully schedule pre requisite units and the graded units to make the most of the learning opportunities for candidates.

Advice on good practice and areas for further development:

Good practice:

- The use of feedback questionnaires from candidates has been useful for centres.
- Oral presentations have assisted candidates in presenting their projects and in so doing enhanced employability prospects.

Further Development:

- Centres should ensure that candidates can reference to a system in reports

SVQ AWARDS

TITLES/LEVELS OF SVQ AWARDS VERIFIED

Insert details below

Construction Site Supervision: Building and Civil Engineering G795 23

Construction Site Management: Contracting G797 24

Construction Site Supervision: Highways Maintenance G796 23

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General comments:

Assessors need to ensure regular industry relevant CPD is undertaken and recorded. Regular changes in personnel, particularly the assessors, makes the external verification process difficult.

Advice on good practice and areas for further development:

- All assessors and internal verifiers should have CSCS valid cards
- All assessors and internal verifiers should have recorded CPD. (The reading of CIOB journal is recommended as being particularly relevant as it contains a question paper with each issue.)
- Encourage candidates to take ownership of their portfolios by inclusion of personal comments and statements. Submitted evidence should be endorsed where not evident, to indicate the candidate's involvement

NATIONAL UNITS

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

TITLES/LEVELS OF NATIONAL UNITS VERIFIED

Insert details below

D925 12, D924 12, D916 11, DV3V 12

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General comments:

Standard of sampled students' work was satisfactory for H level. Some Assessors are not marking in accordance with the set marking schedules. This reduces the effectiveness of feedback to the candidates.

Advice on good practice and areas for further development:

Assessors should mark in accordance with the set marking schedules in the NABs

Assessors should ensure that feedback to candidates is fair, clear and reasonable.

Where forms are used within an assessment feedback system these should be completed meticulously or not used.