



**Scottish Vocational Qualifications
Internal Assessment Report 2014**

**Performing Engineering
Operations**

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

SVQ awards

General comments

The centres delivering this qualification have a good understanding of the requirements of the national standards. However, centres should consider the requirements and the changes of technology within industry in order to maintain the qualification so that it is fit for purpose. Centres should be more aware of their potential input to the process of improving the national standards.

Unit specifications, instruments of assessment and exemplification materials

Centres delivering the qualification operate in a simulated, but realistic working environment and use tried and tested assessment instruments. However, they should be more sensitive to what is currently used in industry as mentioned in the general comments section. There is no requirement for exemplification materials or simulated activities.

Evidence Requirements

No centres made any incorrect interpretations of the Evidence Requirements for these qualifications.

Administration of assessments

Centres appear to be working on developing and standardising their administration as a result of many centre mergers. As a result, approaches to internal quality assurance are varied.

General feedback

Candidates continue to have very good support from the centres delivering this qualification. Any equality of access to assessment issues are well addressed by centres.

Areas of good practice

Some centres have embraced SQA's new approach well and are actively engaged in improving their assessment and quality assurance practices as a result.

Specific areas for improvement

The main areas for improvement can be summarised from the comments above as follows:

- ◆ Centres should consider developments in technology and revise the assessment instruments used to generate evidence for the qualification.
- ◆ Centres should continue towards a best practice model in the administration of assessment and internal quality assurance.