



Higher National Qualifications
and
Scottish Vocational Qualifications
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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.

SVQ AWARDS

TITLES/LEVELS OF SVQ AWARDS VERIFIED

Advice and Guidance levels 3 and 4
Mediation level 4
PDAs in Advice and Guidance

FEEDBACK TO CENTRES

General comments:

The majority of the centres were providing a clear means for candidates to show their competence through a carefully produced portfolio of evidence. The commitment from one centre appeared less adequate.

It was good to see so many centres represented at the launch of the new standards in Bridge of Allan. It is generally agreed that they will be easier to use but if you should encounter difficulties do offer feedback to Ann Boyd at SQA. We have realised that element 3 of Unit 16 was missing in the first printing.

Advice on good practice and areas for further development:

By and large all the centres have enhanced their delivery of the standards by adding to or improving on the very important report forms for assessment meetings, verification meetings, standardisation meetings, CPD and so on. One centre asks candidates to complete a period review form every 6 weeks. This periodic review sheet asks candidates to evaluate their own practice, to consider how their own professional values have impacted their work, to record professional development undertaken and to look at work objectives. In every case examples are asked for and then a review follows with the team leader.

Excellent evidence is forthcoming from this exercise.

Three of the centres are now using an e-mail portfolio system 'Learning Assistant'. This has many advantages — ease of access, quicker communication and hence increased motivation.