



**Higher National Qualifications**

**And**

**Scottish Vocational Qualifications**

**Senior Verifier Report**

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**Subject: Business Management 254**

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.

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## HIGHER NATIONAL UNITS

### FEEDBACK TO CENTRES

#### **General comments:**

There was very little verification in this verification group during 2006 – 2007. No visits to centres for HN Units were carried out. This reflects the limited number of Units in this Verification Group which are currently being offered by centres.

The only verification activity concerned the SPA in Enterprise and Employability and this was confined to a very small number of approval and post-approval visits plus some prior verification. All the centres involved were schools.

It is difficult therefore to make any substantive comment on Unit delivery. However, it is encouraging that schools are taking up this award. There seem to be two main client groups both consisting of senior pupils. The first group consists of pupils whose future aspirations mean that study at Higher level is not necessarily the most appropriate course of action. The SPA in Enterprise and Employability provides a viable alternative which can encourage achievement as well as offering insights into post-school options which pupils might pursue helping pupils and helping them to develop a broader outlook. The second category is pupils for whom study at Higher level can help to meet their aspirations but whose future options can also be extended and developed by the SPA.

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

The comments made above apply here. It is good to see that the award is being used and that it is seen as something which can help to develop and enhance enterprise.