



Higher National Qualifications

And

Scottish Vocational Qualifications

Internal Assessment Report

2008

Subject: Computer Aided Technology

Date: 15/08/08

The purpose of this report is to provide feedback to centres on moderation 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 moderation of centres.

Include:

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

General comments:

A total of 11 external verification visits were carried out and one development visit in the Computer Aided Technology group. The following is a summary of the general points established from these visits:

A good standard of internal verification has been demonstrated in all centres.

All centres are demonstrating consistency with and awareness of the national standards in assessment.

All assessment decisions were deemed to be fair and unbiased.

Overall the standard of work submitted for verification was considered to be good.

Candidate feedback where received was positive and supportive of the delivering centre and staff.

Advice on good practice and areas for further development:

Some centres are making a positive effort to both contextualise and integrate assessment tasks. The integration of assessment should be encouraged and is considered good practice.

HIGHER NATIONAL GRADED UNITS

TITLES/LEVELS OF HN GRADED UNITS MODERATED

Insert details below

Computer Aided Draughting and Design: Graded Unit 1 (DW15 34)

Computer Aided Draughting and Design: Graded Unit 2 (F328 35)

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General comments:

For the 2007/08 session there was a total of 4 EV visits to centres delivering the Computer Aided Draughting and Design: Graded Units. The following is a summary of the general points established from verification visits:

Robust internal verification of the graded unit was clearly evident at all centres.

Marking schemes (Unit Specification checklists) are being used concisely by all delivering centres.

Overall the standard of work submitted for verification was good.

Issues were raised by two centres regarding the amount of work required to achieve a pass for Graded Unit 1 (DW15 34). Both centres felt that the candidates were required to do more than the notional 40hrs allocated to this single credit unit to achieve a grade. This has been referred to the Qualification Support Team (QST) to address accordingly.

Grades awarded were consistent and fair in all centres.

Advice on good practice and areas for further development:

Effective use of formal logbooks was evident in all of the delivering centres. This practice should be encouraged as it helps to confirm the thoughts and work of the candidate that may not be easily identifiable in the final submission. A comprehensive logbook can help to validate an assessment decision.

Evidence was provided by all centres of candidates' use of centre devised checklists reflective of the Unit specification checklist, this helped to establish uniformity and ensured coverage of the main elements required by the specification. It is recommended that centres develop checklists that reflect the requirements of the three elements of the Graded Units.

Where assessment instruments for the graded unit are developed locally it is recommended that these should be verified by SQA prior to delivery

An assessment exemplar is required to help establish standardisation in all delivering centres. The Qualification Support Team is currently preparing an assessment exemplar for the Computer Aided Draughting and Design: Graded Unit 1.

SVQ AWARDS

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NATIONAL UNITS

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

TITLES/LEVELS OF NATIONAL UNITS MODERATED

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