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Dear Assessors and Internal Verifiers

Training and Assessment Programme for SVQ 3 Plumbing, Additional Unit: Install Weathering Systems

Feedback from some Centres and Employers has raised the issue that the Training and Assessment Programme for SVQ 3 Plumbing, Additional Unit: Install Weathering Systems over assesses the Unit criteria using the current five prescribed assessments. SQA has therefore sought an agreed minimum standard of assessment from both our External Verification Team and SNIPEF representing the industry. It has been agreed that the following assessments from the current five should be the minimum requirement.

- a) Chimney – consisting of front apron, stepped flashing and back gutter
- b) Box Gutter Chute Outlet (*see note below)
- c) Slate Piece – 30 to 45 degree incline
- d) Dormer Top (*see note below)

* To save time to offset the minimum inclusion of the 2 dormer elements (undercloak and bossed rolled edge) it is suggested that the Box Gutter Chute Outlet minimum criteria is reduced to only one internal corner and one drip edge, in effect half of the Box Gutter Chute Outlet.

Candidates should still undertake the theory part of the oxy/acetylene gauges and cylinders. The 300mm lead welded seam can be covered by the assessor observing the lead welding skills throughout the Unit as acceptable criteria.

By adopting the above minimum we are retaining all of the essential skills, in the current five prescribed assessments, whilst hopefully avoiding repetition thus saving on time and materials. Centres are of course at liberty to do more than the minimum required time and cost permitting.

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If you require further clarification or guidance please contact either myself or your External Verifier.

Yours faithfully

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