



Senior External Verifier Update

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Reminder About SQA

- ◆ SQA helps people to realise their potential and to achieve their ambitions
- ◆ Provides a wide range of high quality, internationally recognised qualifications and assessment
- ◆ Based in Scotland, we work across the UK and internationally, taking great pride in offering qualifications which will enhance candidates' potential
- ◆ The same standards are required wherever you are based
- ◆ The same support for candidates is required wherever you are based



Review of 2017-18

- ◆ HN - some minor updates for units in the HN Accounting framework which was communicated in August 2018
- ◆ NC:
 - update of framework completed and unit specifications available on SQA website
 - ASP preparation is now completed and the ASPs should be available on the secure site for end May

NC Accounting

- ◆ The framework was extensively reviewed and updated
- ◆ There is little overlap between units and their content
- ◆ Candidates won't be assessed several times on the same topics
- ◆ Letter from Jillian Hendry, Qualifications Manager, out to centres week commencing 11 February asking for feedback

Foundation Apprenticeship in Accounting

- ◆ Uptake has been mixed
- ◆ Differing feedback on success
- ◆ Any centres represented offering?
- ◆ Feedback please on numbers of candidates and progress

General Feedback Forms

- ◆ Please keep the General Feedback forms (comment forms) about HN units from Group 266 (Accounting and Finance) coming in
- ◆ They help us to identify if there are areas which need to be looked at in more detail
- ◆ They help us to highlight any areas which are causing problems
- ◆ Please give us positive feedback as well as identifying any areas of concern

Use of IT in HN Accounting delivery and assessment

- ◆ We have had a few questions again this session about the use of IT in delivering and assessing units within the Accounting and Finance EV group
- ◆ The unit specifications give guidance on this. If the use of IT is permitted then this is detailed within the unit specifications
- ◆ The most often asked question is ‘Can we use Excel for assessing RFI’?
- ◆ The simple answer is no. If you wish to use it in the delivery for some of the topics that is a matter for you in your centre
- ◆ Word of caution

EV Activity

- ◆ We have a full complement of EVs in the team for the 2018-19 session
- ◆ The range of tasks covers everything:
 - Email advice or support via Qualifications Officer
 - Prior verification
 - Advice on delivery and assessment
 - EV visiting verification
 - EV remote verification
 - EV central verification of Graded Units
 - International work
- ◆ Remember we are here to help you - we are not the enemy



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