

National Qualifications 2025

Qualification Verification Summary Report 2024–25

Skills for Work: Energy

VG413

Skills for Work Courses

Skills for Work: Energy (National 5)

General Comments

There were eight verification selections for SfW Energy this session.

Course arrangements, unit specifications, instruments of assessment and exemplification materials

All centres used assessments from the SQA-devised National Assessment Bank (NAB), and one centre made adaptations. In all cases where adaptations had been made, they were considered appropriate, and the assessment instruments remained valid.

Evidence requirements

The centres presented evidence in a range of formats, including fabricated models. These all satisfied the requirements of the unit specifications.

Administration of assessments

The administration of assessments reflected its process-based nature, evidence of observations, reflections and feedback. Portfolios and naturally occurring evidence were made available for each candidate.

Assessment records and checklists of assessment judgements across the centres were a regular feature.

Overall assessment

Overall, centres used the NAB materials. This made it easy for centre assessment judgments to be in line with national standards as the approach to assessment was valid from the outset.

Verification

In general, we found that assessor judgements were reliable. There was also evidence of communication and feedback between assessors and internal verifiers.

Areas of good practice reported during session 2024–25

Improved internal verification documentations at the centres is a clear indication that centres better understand its importance, purpose and process.

Centres are demonstrating more emphasis on feedback to candidates.

Specific areas for improvement reported during session 2024–25

Two incidences of 'not accepted' outcomes indicate that centres need to pay more attention to the mandatory unit specifications and follow them strictly.