

**SQA Accreditation
Assessor and Verifier Competence
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Those Assessors and Verifiers who currently hold D or A&V Units are still considered to be qualified Assessors and External/Internal Verifiers and are not required to undertake the new Units or SVQs. Any new assessors, internal verifiers and/or external verifiers should undertake the Learning and Development Units which are based on the new NOS (see below).

In Scotland the A and V stand-alone Units have been replaced by the following Learning and Development (L and D) Units:

- Learning and Development Unit 9D - Assess workplace competence using direct methods – replacing Unit A2
- Learning and Development Unit 9DI – Assess workplace competences using direct and indirect methods – replacing Units A1/2
- Learning and Development Unit 11 – Internal Quality Assurance – replaces V1 and D34
- Learning and Development Unit 12 – External Quality Assurance – replaces V2 and D35

In addition to accrediting either the full SVQ or the relevant SVQ Units, SQA are happy to accept other Assessor/Verifier qualifications for accreditation provided that the qualification can be shown to cover the NOS as above.

For the purposes of quality assurance in centres, SQA will also accept Assessor/Verifier qualifications which have been accredited by Ofqual where the qualifications are based on the above Learning and Development NOS.

Where an Assessor/Verifier has achieved an accredited Assessor/Verifier qualification then there is no need for the Assessor/Verifier to repeat with a different version. For example, if a centre's staff has completed the relevant SVQ Units then the centre must not be asked to replicate this with another qualification or Units.

Any Assessor/Verifier qualification must contain both knowledge and competence and be accredited by either SQA Accreditation or Ofqual. The assessment strategy/principles for the SQA accredited qualifications should follow our current approval procedure.

SVQs

Where an existing SVQ contains the A and V Units as part of the qualification structure, the SSC must consider the SVQ accreditation date so that the qualification structure can be revised, where appropriate, to include the new L & D Units when the SVQ is reaccredited.

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