

Semta SQS Action Plan – England, Wales, Northern Ireland: Non Qualification Outcomes : August 2009

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Science	Top quality workforce	England Northern Ireland Scotland Wales	Science Awarding Body Forum established [*]	Liaise with partners to agree creation of forum	Awarding bodies Regulators UKCES	August 2009	In progress	May 2009	Initial focus on LATA, will expand remit to cover other areas	No – Project funding to cover initial set up secured, however longer term funding to be secured.
Science	Image and attractiveness	Wales	Modern Apprenticeship in Life Sciences	Newly developed may supersede App in Biotechnology	WAG Fforwm HEFCW	TBC	NYS in Wales but Framework under development.	March 2010	Build on Work in Scotland	No
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Science	Image and attractiveness	England Wales	Laboratory Technicians Apprenticeship Semta to lead on combined Semta/Cogent framework	Develop combined framework at level 2	Cogent	October 2009	Framework submitted to QMG	Semta and Cogent await QMG outcome	See target date	
Science	Image and attractiveness	England Wales	Advanced Apprenticeship in Laboratory Technicians – Semta to lead on combined Semta/Cogent framework	Develop combined framework at level 3	Cogent	October 2009	Framework submitted to QMG	Semta and Cogent await QMG outcome	See target date	

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Engineering [AAEM/MME]	Leadership and management	England Northern Ireland Wales	Advice and support provided in relation to employer accreditation	Identify key individuals to support Semta Group supporting employer accreditation related work. Review to ensure consistency across Semta Group Review to ensure consistency across Semta Group	QCA DCELLS CCEA Ofqual Ofqual NI UKCES	May 2009 June 2009 June 2010	Achieved	April 2009	S&Q team	No
Engineering [AAEM/MME]	Technical skills	England Northern Ireland Wales	Semta recognised submitting body for QCF units and rules of combination [*]	Submit draft application to Ofqual Submit formal application	QCA Ofqual Ofqual NI UKCES	August 2009 December 2009	On track	Yes		No
Engineering [AAEM/MME]	Technical skills	Wales	CQFW ongoing development [*]	Continued support and use of the framework	Airbus, Corus, Cardiff University Optics Centre and Glyn Dwr Uni	Ongoing	In development	Work on going with Airbus, Corus, Cardiff University Optics Centre and Glyn Dwr Uni		No
Engineering [AAEM/MME]	Technical skills	Wales	Semta to obtain licence to assign programmes to CQFW	Application now submitted	WAG	Jan 09	Achieved		Also applies to Science	No

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Engineering [AAEM/MME]	Technical skills	England Northern Ireland Wales	<p>Sector approvals criteria developed and proposals for supporting systems, procedures and administration/management in place [*]</p> <p>Pilot Sector Approvals systems</p> <p>Review and establish final system</p>	Work with UKCES, Ofqual, awarding bodies and others to draft, revise, finalise, communicate and implement arrangements for sector approval of VQs at all levels	UKCES Ofqual Ofqual NI QCA DCELLS CCEA Awarding bodies	<p>August 2009</p> <p>From September 2009</p> <p>June 2010</p>	In progress	Yes		No
Engineering [AAEM/MME]	Technical Skills	Wales	Work Based Learning Pathway - Technology	To monitor and support the WBLP	Fforwm, WAG, 14 – 19 Networks Coleg Sir Gar Deeside College Glan Y mor school Connahs Quay High school Airbus Corus Scheaffler	Pilot to complete June 09	<p>60 Young people in 2 Cohorts 30 should complete year 2 June 09 – on track</p> <p>Semta support now complete and are looking to use Welsh Bacc and principle learning within this programme</p>	Agreements to fund cohort 2 from 14 – 19 networks	Good support from employers	No

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Engineering [AAEM/MME]	Technical skills	England Northern Ireland Scotland Wales	Review the assignment of credit values and levels to monitor consistent and coherent credit values and levels are established and maintained	Work with partners including awarding bodies and those responsible for credit frameworks to ensure consistency in the assignment of credit values for all N/SVQs	UKCES Ofqual Ofqual NI QCA DCELLS CCEA SQA Awarding bodies	Phase 1 September 2009 Phase 2 June 2010 Phase 3 March 2011	In progress	Yes		Funding secured for phase 1
Engineering [AAEM/MME]	Technical skills	England Northern Ireland Scotland Wales	Engineering Awarding Body Forum reviewed [*]	Work with QCDA (Representing England, Wales and Northern Ireland) and SQA to review membership to ensure that the Forum is a suitable and representative group and that its terms of reference reflect scope of future planned work. Implement any agreed changes where appropriate	SQA QCDA (E/W/NI)	September 2009 December 2009	Not yet started			No

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Engineering [AAEM/MME]	Apprenticeships	England Northern Ireland Scotland Wales	Develop web based resource to support IAG	Develop web-based resource to support NOS development and review Design and implement web-based system to support IAG	Lantra, Upskill	May 2009	Achieved	Yes		Yes – from Semta reserves
Engineering [AAEM/MME]	Apprenticeships	Wales	Higher Apprenticeship in Engineering	Expression of interest required -Semta to send expression of interest to WAG	WAG Fforwm HEFCW		Expression of interest with WAG Nov 08		Proposal with WAG	
Engineering [AAEM/MME]	Apprenticeships	Wales	Foundation Modern apprenticeship in Industrial Applications	Revision to existing programme: CQfW component to be used.	WAG	Implementation of updated framework for July 2009.	Currently awaiting QCF accreditation of underpinning knowledge.	Sept 09		
Engineering [AAEM/MME]	Apprenticeships	England Wales	Apprenticeship in Industrial Applications – code 283	Revision of Framework to include underpinning knowledge and bring in line with Blueprint to ensure no loss of provision.	Working with EAL to develop suitable underpinning knowledge format.	Framework has passed QMG and has been forwarded to LSC and DCELLS	Awaiting LSC/DCELLS funding support	Await LSC/DCELLS funding support	Subject to funding support	Subject to funding support

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Engineering [AAEM/MME]	Apprenticeships	England Wales	Apprenticeship in Engineering – code 106	Annual revision of framework to include newly developed and revised qualifications. Future proofing to ensure no loss of provision whilst QCF qualifications are developed.	Semta to include newly developed EAL Technical Certificate “Certificate in Positional Welding”.	Framework updated and submitted to the Quality Monitoring Group.	Achieved in full.	Agreed with MOD and EAL.		
Engineering [AAEM/MME]	Apprenticeships	England Wales	Optical Apprenticeship – code 286	Optical Retail “pathway” to be reintroduced to framework.	Discussions “foot print “ issues and ownership of framework.	N/A	Achieved	Successfully Negotiated with Skills for Health and Optical Sector Steering Group for transfer of framework.		
Engineering [AAEM/MME]	Apprenticeships	England Wales	Munitions Clearance Apprenticeship – code 338	Framework no longer in Semta “Footprint”. No further actions taken.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Engineering [AAEM/MME]	Apprenticeships	England Wales	Metals Processing Apprenticeship – code 113	Revision of Framework to include under pinning knowledge and bring in line with Blueprint.	Relevant EAL qualifications especially for Apprenticeship (level 2) framework.	Implementation of updated framework postponed to December 2009	EAL to develop appropriate level 2 technical certificate for December 2009	LSC to agree extension of current framework	Not yet complete	

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Engineering [AAEM/MME]	Apprenticeships	England Wales	Advanced Apprenticeship in Metal Processing – code 113	Revision of Framework to include underpinning knowledge and bring in line with Blueprint.	—	Implementation of updated framework for October 2009.	Submitted to QMG	Agreed with LSC	See target date	
Engineering [AAEM/MME]	Apprenticeships	England Wales	Higher Apprenticeship in Engineering	Framework revised following evaluation of pilot programme	SEMTA including newly developed EAL NVQ L4 Engineering Leadership	Implementation of updated framework 1 st October 2008	Framework fit for purpose and available for use	Agreed with SEMTA development steering group, UKCES and LSC		

Notes	Actions marked * may be generic and therefore relate to several or all SQS themes
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