

UNITS OF N/SVQs

The primary objective of units of N/SVQs is to contribute to the development of skills within a workforce, where a whole N/SVQ at a specific level is deemed inappropriate. This may be for a number of reasons:

- The whole N/SVQ qualification contains some units that are inappropriate within the context of the job role
- There is insufficient time to complete a whole qualification
- There are insufficient resources to complete a whole qualification
- A whole qualification is not deemed necessary
- Units from one or more N/SVQs may be required in order to meet the job role

Units of N/SVQs like the occupational standards they are based on have:

- A descriptor or unit title
- A unit summary
- Performance statements
- Scope statements
- Knowledge statements
- Assessment plan

An Awarding Body can assess stand-alone units or combinations of units in the same way as whole qualification. Units of N/SVQs are available from Awarding Bodies at levels 1 to 5 according to the qualification.

Below is a representative list of N/SVQs from which units can be drawn:

- Aircraft Engineering Maintenance
- Instrument Servicing
- Aeronautical Engineering
- Fabrication and Welding Engineering
- Mechanical Manufacturing Engineering
- Automotive Engineering
- Engineering Woodworking, Pattern and Model Making
- Engineering Maintenance
- Engineering Leadership
- Engineering Management
- Materials Processing and Finishing
- Electrical and Electronics Servicing
- Installation and Commissioning
- Marine Engineering
- Engineering Toolmaking
- Engineering Technical Support
- Railway Engineering
- Business Improvement Techniques

There are no formal entry requirements or age restrictions for units of N/SVQs. They are open to any candidate who has the potential to meet the requirements. Guidance on candidate suitability can be obtained from Awarding Bodies.

For further information concerning units of NVQs, please either contact your Awarding Body, or visit QCAs qualifications website: www.openquals.org.uk