

Definitions

A. National Occupational Standards (NOS)

These define the competences which apply to job roles or occupations in the form of statements of performance, knowledge and the evidence required to confirm competence. They cover the key activities undertaken within the occupation in question under all circumstances the job holder is likely to encounter.

They can be used to:

- Describe good practice in particular areas of work
- Set out a statement of competence which bring together the skills, knowledge and understanding necessary to do the work
- Provide the managers with a tool for a wide variety of workforce management and quality control
- Offer a framework for training and development
- Form the basis of National Vocational Qualifications (NVQs), Scottish Vocational Qualifications (SVQs) and Vocationally Related Qualifications (VRQs)

B. Accredited by an appropriate recognised body.

An example of this is:

You are officially recognised as meeting the essential requirements defined by a professional body.

Accreditation is a type of quality assurance process under which services and operations of a programme is evaluated by an external body to determine if applicable standards are met.

If standards are met, accredited status is granted by the professional body.