

Review of National Occupational Standards (NOS) and NVQ Qualification Structures

Background

Semta's Standards and Qualifications department are leading a UK wide review of the following National Occupational Standards (NOS) and NVQ qualification structures:

- Engineering Technical Support Suite 3
- Engineering Technical Support Suite 2
- Engineering Maintenance Suite 3
- Engineering Maintenance and Installation Suite 2
- Toolmaking Suite 3
- Continuing Airworthiness Suite 4 (NEW)
- Continuing Airworthiness Suite 2 (NEW)
- Rail Engineering Signalling Suite 3
- Rail Engineering Signalling Suite 2
- Rail Engineering Telecoms Suite 3
- Rail Engineering Telecoms Suite 2
- Rail Engineering Traction and Rolling Stock Suite 3
- Rail Engineering Traction and Rolling Stock Suite 2

The current suites of NOS and qualifications were developed in partnership with employers and other appropriate organisations across the UK. NOS set out the skills, knowledge and understanding required by employers to undertake a particular task or job role to a nationally recognised level of competence, helping formalise training requirements for employers and employees across the UK. They also form the basis of all vocational qualifications including those used in Apprenticeship Frameworks. As part of our philosophy of continuous improvement Semta are now requesting feedback from relevant stakeholders to ascertain whether the current NOS and NVQs are still fit for purpose and if not what changes are required?

The key areas that the review will focus on:

- *Are the current occupational pathways (job roles) still relevant and current in the NVQ structures?*
- *If not what changes are required?*
- *Are there any missing NOS that should be developed and be included in the NVQs?*
- *Is the content of the NOS technically correct?*
- *Is there anything missing in the scope of the NOS and /or knowledge statements?*
- *Is there anything that should not be in the NOS e.g. redundant procedures/processes/equipment?*
- *Is it clear what must be completed in order to achieve the NOS?*
- *Can the outcomes specified in the NOS be achieved in the workplace?*

Review Timescales

The review begins in April 2014 and is scheduled to complete by November 2014 including a UK wide employer and stakeholder consultation.

How to get involved?

If you would like to take part in the review of the standards please don't hesitate to contact Semta Standards team standards@semta.org.uk