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# Medals for Excellence

# Criteria

The nominee must demonstrate all three essential criteria. There is also a desirable criterion, innovation and originality, which may also apply to the nominee and is apparent in the evidence provided. The desirable criterion is not essential to the nomination and those nominees who have only demonstrated the three essential criteria will be judged on the same grounds as those that have also demonstrated the desirable criterion.

**Learner criteria:**

**Essential criteria**

* highly developed skills
* outstanding knowledge
* versatility and adaptability

**Desirable criteria**

* innovation and originality

**Lecturer/trainer criteria:**

**Essential criteria**

* enthusiasm for subject
* outstanding knowledge or skill
* championing learning

**Desirable criteria**

* innovation & originality

**Example of criteria check for N/SVQ’s and VRQs**

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| **Criteria** | **Reasons why nominee meets criteria** | **Supporting evidence** |
| **Essential:**  Highly developed skills | **For NVQ’s**   * Practical work consistently of an exceptional standard * Nominee completed all the specialist optional and additional units * Work completed some 4 months in advance of other learners     **For VRQ’s**   * Practical work consistently of an exceptional standard. The skills demonstrated in 001 and 003 were particularly highly developed | **For NVQ’s**   * Written testimony from the  employer * Written feedback from the centre staff * Logbook and portfolio (especially photos of work and units 2, 4, 5) * Competition information and video (counter 00147)     **For VRQ’s**   * Record of assessments and coursework (especially photos of work for 001 and 003) |
| **Essential:** Outstanding knowledge | **For NVQ’s**   * Work of a consistently high standard, clearly and accurately presented in an original and interesting way. The knowledge demonstrated in Units 2, 4 and 6 was particularly outstanding.   **For VRQ’s**   * All the work of a consistently high standard, clearly and accurately presented in an original and interesting way. | **For NVQ’s**   * Witness testimony from employer * Written feedback from centre staff * Logbook and portfolio (especially written assignments for Units 2, 4 and the Health and Safety project)   **For VRQ’s**   * Record of assessments and coursework (especially written papers for 002 and the coursework assessment for 004) |
| **Essential:**  Versatility and adaptability | **For NVQ’s**   * Confirmed by the nominee’s decision to undertake all the specialist optional and additional units     **For VRQ’s**   * Work produced for 001 and 004 demonstrates ability to use many different techniques | **For NVQ’s**   * Written feedback from centre staff * Logbook and portfolio (especially optional and additional units and Unit 4) * Video for the skills competition (counter 00147)   **For VRQ’s**   * Record of assessments and coursework (especially 004) * Photos of work for 001 |
| **Desirable:**  Innovation and originality | **For NVQ’s**   * Developed and used several innovative approaches to tackle and present the knowledge required. The practical work produced for Unit 4 and the skills competition particularly demonstrate originality   **For VRQ’s**   * Innovative and interesting approaches used. Coursework produced for 004 particularly demonstrates originality and practical work for 001 was especially innovative | **For NVQ’s**   * Written feedback from centre staff * Logbook and portfolio – Units 2, 4 (especially photos) and Health & Safety project * Evidence from the Skills competition   **For VRQ’s**   * Record of assessments and coursework (especially coursework assessment for 004) * Photos of work for 001 |

**Evidence**

Please provide at least one piece of evidence against each criteria and. We recommend you provide a variety of evidence demonstrating the nominee’s excellence, for example:

* witness testimonies
* examples from the log book
* video
* photographs and an assignment

With qualifications where it is difficult to identify excellence, please use the additional information section to support the nomination.