HIGHER NATIONAL AWARDS

In September 1999 the academic requirement for IEng registration was raised from HNC/HND to Bachelor degree level. This means that HNC/HND qualifications started in September 1999 or later no longer satisfy the IEng registration requirement, with the exception of a small number of courses whose accreditation extends beyond this date. However, these only satisfy the IEng education requirement where further learning is not required for the intake year. See the rules below to determine whether an HNC/HND started before September 1999 satisfies this requirement.

The following rules apply:

- EdExcel/BTEC/TEC/SCOTVEC/SCOTEC Engineering HD/HNDs started before September 1999 satisfy the academic requirements for IEng registration.
- BTEC/TEC HC/HNC courses in a specified engineering discipline started before September 1987 satisfy the academic requirements for IEng registration.
- Scottish HC/HNC courses in a specified engineering discipline started before September 1989 satisfy the academic requirements for IEng registration.
- The academic requirement for BTEC/TEC/EdExcel HNC courses started September 1987 onwards is a minimum of 8.0 H units (or level IV and V), including 1.0 H units project, 1.0 N/H or H units computing, and 1.0 Units N/H level (level III) mathematics. Where the candidate completed an ONC prior to the HNC, the mathematics requirement may have been satisfied in an ONC. The same applies to the computing requirement, and may be comprised of different units, e.g. computing for engineering, introduction to robotics, CAD, etc.
- The academic requirement for SCOTVEC/SCOTEC/SQA HNC courses started September 1989 onwards is a minimum of 12.0 HN credits, including 1.5 HN credits Project, 1.5 NC credits mathematics at the level of M2, and 1.5 NC credits computing. The computing requirement may be comprised of different units, e.g. computing for engineering, introduction to robotics, CAD, etc.

Additional Clarification

The requirement for recognition for HNCs pre-99 commencement is 8.0 H level units (of levels IV and V in older terms).

To clarify the grading:

- H = IV/V = higher level
- N/H = III = national/higher level, can be found in both National or Higher National qualifications, but not a distinctly higher level unit
- N = I/II = national level

It is only the H units that count when calculating the 8.0 required, although 0.5 units are combined. This is quite apart from whether the project, computing and maths criteria are met.