

Sport and Play Surfaces – Level 3

Research and Development of National Occupational Standards

SkillsActive, is the Sector Skills Council for Active Leisure & Learning, licensed by government and led by employers. Amongst our responsibilities is that of developing and promoting *National Occupational Standards where required in our industry sectors.

The Project

Until recently the sport and play surfaces sub-sector did not have any appropriate *NOS relating to it. The NOS and associated qualification structure at Level 2 were approved at the end of last year and now there is an urgent need to provide a route for further progression within this sub sector.

SkillsActive, working with partners such as The Sports and Play Construction Association, South Birmingham College and Edexcel, is proposing the development of a set of National Occupational Standards at Level 3 with management and skilled technical units.

Key areas where standards may be developed as part of the project could include: management of health and safety requirements; management of own resources and development; providing leadership; install and maintain indoor sport and play surfaces; install and maintain outdoor sport and play surfaces; inspect and assess site surfaces.

The project will be managed by a steering group which is supported by highly experienced consultants. Firstly, research will be carried out to the scope and nature of sport and play surfaces and the need for national standards at level 3. Research in to international best practice will also be undertaken. Work will then commence on the development of dedicated NOS for sport and play surfaces.

What are National Occupational Standards?

National Occupational Standards define the skills and knowledge which are required to work in particular occupations. The Standards are then used in the development of training or qualifications and they can also be used in employment to develop job descriptions and person specifications and to develop continuing professional development programmes for staff.

How can I get involved? Contact the project team on Tel: 0114 2922140 - Email: gemma.flint@skillsactive.com

What are the timescales? The project is due to be completed by August 2008

