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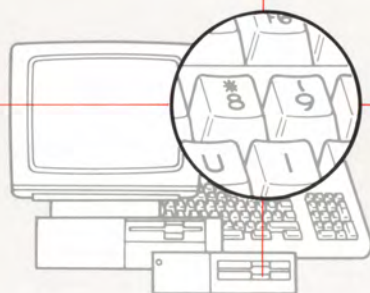
The 35 young men and women who have qualified as members of the UK Team at the 1989 International Skill Olympics have all gone through a rigorous process of training and selection.

These young people represent the best and most skilled of Britain's youth and compete as equals with others from more than 20 other industrial nations around the world.

They bring to the competition a wide range of craft, technical and professional skills. All of which are essential to the continued success of Britain as a trading nation of stature in world markets.

Just getting to the finals has been a long and testing process and their success so far has depended very much on their own personal commitment and motivation and the support and confidence of friends, family and their employers.

The National Council for Vocational Qualifications is proud to be sponsoring the UK Team and know that they will all give of their very best over the four days of competition.



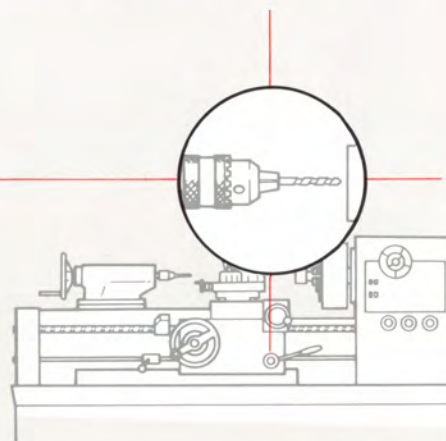
A TEAM EFFORT IN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

We all know that a strong spirit and the will to win are essential ingredients for every successful competitor – Olympic Swimming Gold Medalist, Duncan Goodhew, who joined the Team at their summer training camp in Norfolk also placed great emphasis on the importance of teamwork in preparing for a big event.

Every competitor knows that without expert advice, teamwork and dedication from staff in their schools, colleges and training centres in preparing them for the world of work, they would not have got this far, however enthusiastic they may have been to represent their country.

What few people realise, is that for our British Team to succeed, the training they have received and the qualifications in which they have been successful have had to be based on occupational standards set by their own industry and on a par with international levels of excellence.

It is the job of the National Council for Vocational Qualifications to make sure that every National Vocational Qualification is based on appropriate industry standards and, in more and more jobs, this means international standards. Standards that will be reflected in the performance of every competitor striving for success in this exciting international event.

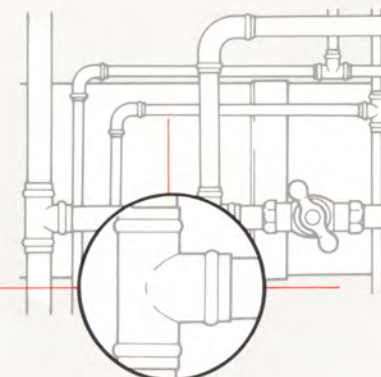


ARE YOU QUALIFIED TO SUCCEED?

Not everyone will represent their country in international competitions such as the Skill Olympics. But, an ever increasing number of us are helping British companies compete every day in the international market place through the goods and services they provide. We can only be effective if we are competent in the jobs that we do.

Competence can only be achieved by being properly trained to do the work that is needed to the standards that our employers and their customers expect.

It is the prime task of the National Council for Vocational Qualifications to ensure that all qualifications related to the work that people do are based on a proper assessment of their competence. In every major industry we have already begun to introduce these new National Vocational qualifications – NVQs for short.



WHAT ARE NVQs - NATIONAL VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS?

All NVQs are based on an industries' own standards; all require a comprehensive assessment to be made of the skills, the knowledge and understanding and the ability to demonstrate competence in practice; and all NVQs command recognition throughout the industries to which they apply.

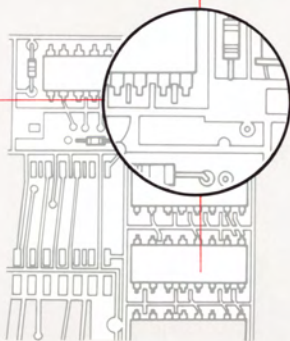
By 1991, NVQs will have been introduced into every industry and will relate to all levels of employment within each industry.

Access to NVQs will not be restricted by age or where or for how long a person has been trained, but on whether the individual can meet through a professionally managed process of assessment, the standards of competence determined by the industry in which they work or wish to be employed.

The National Council is sponsoring the UK Team at the '89 Olympics because it is our job to help Britain develop a more competent society. The promotion of excellence in vocational education and training lies at the very heart of our business.

Whether you aim to compete in the next Skill Olympics in the Netherlands, or are just interested in getting or holding down a good job in a company competing for Britain -

Will you be qualified to succeed?



FURTHER INFORMATION

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