



## THE DEER STALKING CERTIFICATE 2 GUIDANCE FOR CANDIDATES

To achieve the Deer Stalking Certificate 2, a candidate must provide sufficient evidence demonstrating the necessary standard of competence to be awarded the Certificate. The Certificate requires that each of a number of "Performance Criteria" (PCs) are satisfied on at least three separate occasions. Each PC must be witnessed on each occasion by a DMQ Approved Witness taken from a list supplied on registration.

On registration a candidate will also be sent an email with a login, password and link to an eportfolio to record evidence in. It is the responsibility of a candidate to generate their evidence to the required standard. The Assessment Centre will appoint an Assessor and Internal Verifier to match and evaluate the evidence presented against the standards required for the Certificate. Specifically, they will be checking to ensure any evidence is:

- Authentic** - it has been produced solely by a candidate without help
- Current** - it must have been produced in the three years prior to portfolio submission
- Sufficient** - there is enough evidence to cover **all** of the elements of the Certificate
- Relevant** - your evidence must match the quality requirements of the Certificate

During the assessment phase an Assessor will usually telephone a candidate and all witnesses used and question them over aspects of the evidence. This is normal practice and should be expected. In circumstances where evidence is insufficient to meet the requirements of the award a candidate will be asked to supply additional evidence. It is not possible to 'fail' DSC2, a candidate must continue gaining experience, knowledge and skills until they can demonstrate they have reached a required standard.

If an Assessor is satisfied that the evidence is of a required standard for the award to be given they will notify an Internal Verifier with a recommendation that an award is given. The Internal Verifier primarily checks to ensure that an Assessor has done as required and this may on rare occasions involve a call from the Verifier to a candidate or witness. When the eportfolio has passed Internal Verification a submission is made by the Assessment Centre to Deer Management Qualifications for a Certificate to be produced.