

To whom it may concern

Letter of recognition:

601/4560/2 EAL Level 1 Foundation Certificate in Engineering Technology
601/4566/3 EAL Level 2 First Diploma in Manufacturing Technologies

SOE was formed in 2000 by the merger of the Institute of Road Transport Engineers (IRTE) and the Institution of Plant Engineers (IPlantE). The Society's third Professional Sector, the Bureau of Engineer Surveyors (BES) joined in 2004. It is one of 36 Professional Engineering institutions licensed by Engineering Council to award Registration at Chartered Engineer, Incorporated Engineer and Engineering Technician levels. SOE is dedicated to the advancement of Operations Engineering through education, training, study and research, with an emphasis on promoting best practice and compliance.

The qualifications are accredited by Ofqual with clear aims and purpose showing how learners achieve a recognised industry qualification. EAL has clearly demonstrated how they meet the Technical guidance for the 2015 teaching year, incorporating the full requirements with a range of assessment options and grading.

As a professional body in the engineering sector we recognise that the **EAL Level 1 Foundation Certificate in Engineering Technology** and **EAL Level 2 First Diploma in Manufacturing Technologies**:

- Gives learners a broad introduction to the practices and processes of engineering technology and experience and understanding of a range of potential careers in the engineering sector.
- Provides students with transferable skills that are not widely advanced through the traditional academic curriculum giving the opportunity for suitable progression into a related apprenticeship and/or industry recognised qualification, and subsequent entry into an occupation in the engineering sector.

We are happy to support in principle the inclusion of the qualifications for the 2017 and 2018 performance tables and confirm that we consent to our name and logo being made publicly available on the DfE and EAL websites confirming our support for the qualification as outlined above.

Yours faithfully



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