

Dear Mr Clark

The Society of Operations Engineers (SOE) is one the 36 Professional Engineering Institutions licensed by Engineering Council for those engaged in the Engineering industry.

SOE works to advance Operations Engineering for the benefit of everyone through education, training, study and research. SOE also establishes and maintains standards of competence and conduct for those engaged in Operations Engineering professionally, with an emphasis on enhancing public safety. Through its Professional Sectors of IRTE, IPlantE and BES, SOE directly influences the road transport, plant and engineer surveying sectors, developing best practice and improving compliance across the board.

The qualifications are accredited by Ofqual with clear aims and purpose showing how learners achieve a recognised industry qualification. As a professional body in the engineering sector we are happy to support in principle the inclusion of the following qualifications for public funding:

60060050	EAL Level 1 Award in Building Services Engineering (QCF)
60060025	EAL Level 1 Award in Engineering & Manufacturing (QCF)
60060335	EAL Level 1 Certificate in Building Services Engineering (QCF)
60059734	EAL Level 1 Certificate in Engineering and Manufacturing (QCF)
50103866	EAL Level 1 Certificate in Engineering and Technology (QCF)
60060049	EAL Level 1 Diploma in Building Services Engineering Multi-Skilled Operations (QCF)
60061455	EAL Level 1 Diploma in Engineering and Manufacturing (QCF)
6008229X	EAL Level 1 NVQ Certificate in Performing Engineering Operations (QCF)
60116869	EAL Level 2 Certificate in Applying Business-Improvement Techniques (QCF)

We believe these qualifications are of an appropriate size and valuable for learners considering moving into this industry or who may have been unemployed for a period of time. Therefore there is a focus on also proving them with the skills required to apply for a job. It will also allow learners to develop the skills and knowledge they will need to progress into more specialist qualifications.

These qualifications are suitable for learners 16-18 and 19+ and are focused on making a prospective employee work ready; however, it does not remove the need for any subsequent training they may require once they are employed.

Completion of a qualification prepares learners to enter employment in a wide variety of job roles within either the engineering or logistics industry for example, technicians, quality control inspector, technical support person.

We are pleased to confirm that we consent to our name and logo being made publicly available on the SFA and EAL websites confirming our support as outlined above.

Yours sincerely



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