

Dear Mr Clark

The Society of Operations Engineers (SOE) is the professional body and one of 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:

50114955	EAL Level 2 Certificate in Business Improvement Techniques (QCF)
50109340	EAL Level 2 Certificate in Cycle Maintenance (QCF)
50112314	EAL Level 2 Certificate in Engineering and Technology (QCF)
60002918	EAL level 2 Certificate in Personal Learning and Thinking Skills for New Entrants into the Engineering and Manufacturing Industries (QCF)
60012833	EAL Level 2 Certificate in Stevedoring Essentials (QCF)
60048256	EAL Level 2 Certificate in Supply Chain Operations (QCF)
50117075	EAL Level 2 Certificate in Warehousing and Storage (QCF)
50075950	EAL Level 2 Diploma in Engineering Technology (QCF)
60094291	EAL Level 2 Diploma in Manufacturing of Vehicles with Electric Drive Systems (QCF)
50109790	EAL Level 2 Diploma in Mechanical Engineering Technology (QCF)
60034713	EAL Level 2 Diploma in Network Construction Operations (Gas) - Main layer (QCF)
60034701	EAL Level 2 Diploma in Network Construction Operations (Gas) - Service layer (QCF)
50110573	EAL Level 2 Diploma in Pipework Systems Mechanical Engineering Technology (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.

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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