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Dear Mr Clark

The Society of Operations Engineers (SOE) is one of the 36 Licensed Bodies with Engineering Council, the regulatory body for those engineers and technicians registered and 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 qualification is 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:

6008229X EAL Level 1 NVQ Certificate in Performing Engineering Operations (QCF)

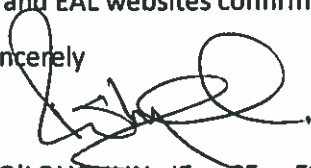
We believe this qualification is of an appropriate size and valuable for learners considering moving or already employed in this industry or who may have been unemployed for a period of time. Therefore, there is a focus on also proving them with the skills required to apply for a job. It will also allow 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 the engineering industry for example; Maintenance engineering, Fitting Pipework, Milling/Turning/Grinding, Fluid power, Fabrication welding, Electrical/electronic installation, Electrical/electronic servicing, Woodwork manufacture/assembly, Composite engineering, Casting, Metals processing.

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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