

Dear Mr Clark

The Society of Operations Engineers (SOE) is 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:

50108566	EAL Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Business Improvement Techniques (QCF)
60097930	EAL Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Engineering Technical Support (QCF)
60094862	EAL Level 4 NVQ Diploma in Engineering Manufacture (QCF)
60095763	EAL Level 4 NVQ Extended Diploma in Engineering Manufacture (QCF)

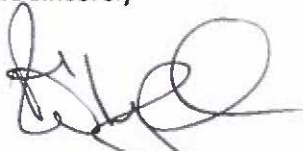
We believe these qualifications are of an appropriate size and valuable for learners considering moving into this industry or who may have been unemployed for a period of time. Therefore there is a focus on also proving them with the skills required to apply for a job. It will also allow learners to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