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Dear James

Letter of support for the Pearson BTEC Level 2 Technical Diploma in Engineering

The IET Approves and supports qualifications where it can be shown that they deliver a significant contribution to the requirements of professional registration in the form of one or both of the following:-

- o Underpinning knowledge and understanding as defined by the Engineering Council Qualification Approval
- o Competence UK-SPEC

The Engineering Council is notified of all Approved qualifications by the approving Professional Engineering Institution so that the qualification can be added to the qualification database. For Engineering Technician (EngTech) registration the minimum qualification level is level 3 (English QCF or equivalent).

Being a level 2 qualification the *Pearson BTEC Level 2 Technical Diploma in Engineering*, therefore, cannot be formally Approved by the IET.

The IET, however, recognises that the qualification provides a foundation in basic engineering techniques that could form a good progression route into advanced level qualifications or technical roles that could lead to professional registration at EngTech level. In the context stated above I confirm that the IET recognises and supports the above qualification. For such roles, we believe that the proposed structure of the qualification provides an appropriate level of knowledge and skills, meeting the needs of the business and the individual, ensuring employees are appropriately skilled for the job and able to deliver to the standard that the sector expects. We believe also that the assessment method for each unit is suitable for the assessment of the unit content.

The qualification will support learners to progress to employment within a range of job roles across the industry, for example:

- SOC Code 8119 - Process operatives nec
- SOC Code 8139 - Assemblers and routine operatives nec
- SOC Code 8111 - Food, drink and tobacco process operatives
- SOC Code 8117 - Metal making and treating process operatives
- SOC Code 8125 - Metal working machine operatives

We are happy for Pearson to use this letter in support of its work with government and its agencies, to ensure that this invaluable qualification can continue to be recognised for college performance tables and 19+ funding.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'G' followed by a long horizontal stroke that ends in a small flourish.

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