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Dear Ria,

Letter of recognition for the Pearson BTEC Level 2 BTEC First Diploma in Children's Care, Learning & Development

As a professional body in the early years sector supporting and setting standards for early years and childcare professionals, with 35,000 members, we recognise the following qualification as being fit for purpose and appropriate for prospective employees in the sector to undertake:

*Pearson BTEC Level 2 First Diploma in Children's Care, Learning and Development
(QN: 100/6244/0)*

More specifically, for the role of early years assistant/nursery assistant, we expect employees to be occupationally competent and we can confirm that this qualification provides the right level of competence, meeting the needs of the sector, the employee and most importantly children within early years settings. This qualification is recognised on the National College of Teaching and Leadership's 'Qualification List for those Delivering the Early Years Foundation Stage' (EYFS).

Given the new GCSE requirements being introduced for the new Level 3 Early Years Educator qualifications, it is vital that there are opportunities for learners to progress from Level 2 to Level 3. This Level 2 qualification provides that opportunity, as learners can undertake the qualification and retake their GCSEs in English and Maths alongside, prior to progressing to Level 3.

It is vital that learners aged 19+ (who are funded through the Skills Funding Agency) are given this opportunity.

We are happy for Pearson to use this letter in support of its work with the Skills Funding Agency, to ensure that this invaluable qualification can continue to be funded.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chloe Rowlatt", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chloe Rowlatt
Acting Director of Membership and Professional Development