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Dear Danielle

### **Letter of support for the Pearson BTEC Level 3 in Agriculture**

AIC as an organisation represents businesses who are both the suppliers to, and the customers of, farm businesses in the UK. As a professional body in the sector, we recognise the following qualifications as being fit for purpose:

- BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Agriculture
- BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Agriculture
- BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Agriculture
- BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma Agriculture

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

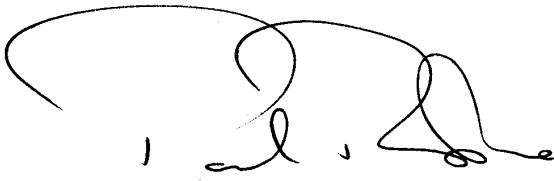
- BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Agriculture: general farm worker, agricultural technician
- BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Agriculture: assistant herdsman, assistant stock person, assistant machinery operator
- BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Agriculture: herdsman, stockperson, machinery operator, tractor driver, stock rarer
- BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Agriculture: stockperson, herdsman, dairyman, livestock contractor, crop contractor, agricultural technician, tractor driver, farm mechanic

For such roles, we believe that these qualifications provide 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 both the sector and its supply chain expects.

The qualification will also support the individual, should they chose to progress in to further training.

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, appearing to read 'Paul Rooke', with a large, sweeping initial 'P'.

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