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Dear Dr Softley

Re: Reform of Level 3 Vocational Qualifications for 16-19 year olds

The Science Council is an umbrella organisation of 40 learned societies and professional bodies in the UK drawn from across science and its applications. It was established by Royal Charter in 2003 with the object of advancing science and its applications for public benefit.

Under its Royal Charter the Science Council works to advance the professional practice of science through the licensing of the professional qualifications of Chartered Scientist, Chartered Science Teacher, Registered Scientist and Registered Science Technician. The Science Council maintains the standards for the professional registers drawing on input from employers, professional bodies, Sector Skills Councils, training providers, Higher Education Institutions and Further Education colleges.

As you may be aware the Science Council is working with its licensed professional bodies (Licensed Bodies) to map level 3 and 4 qualifications to the standards for the Registered Science Technician designation (RSciTech). RSciTech recognises the range of knowledge, competence and professionalism that are sought by employers and demanded by the public.

Through this mapping exercise, we have identified that the following qualifications meet some aspects of the RSciTech registration standards and therefore support progression towards achievement of the award:

500/6725/4- Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Applied Science (QCF)

600/5849/3- Pearson BTEC Level 3 90-credit Diploma in Applied Science (QCF)

500/6673/0- Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Applied Science (QCF)

500/6720/5- Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Applied Science (QCF)

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The level 3 Diploma also forms an integral part of the first apprenticeship to be accredited as leading to RSciTech registration. **Consequently, we recognise that these qualifications develop and confirm the application of certain specialist skills, knowledge and understanding in the sector to a standard that can be reasonably expected of an 18 year old in full time education.**

I am happy for this organisation's name and website address to be made available on the Department for Education and Pearson websites to confirm our recognition of these qualifications.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ali Orr', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ali Orr
Registrar