

**Accreditation and Qualifications**

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Dear Dr Softley,

As you will be aware, the Royal Society of Chemistry continually maps qualifications against the competency requirements for Registered Science Technician (RSciTech), a professional register held by the Science Council.

Through this continuous exercise, we have identified that the following qualifications meet some aspects of the Science Council's registration standards for RSciTech and therefore support progression towards achievement of the award:

Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Applied Science
Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Applied Science
Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Applied Science
Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Applied Science
Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Applied Science

The qualifications listed above will give students an advantage when applying for related jobs, apprenticeships or training over individuals that hold no qualifications. We are therefore happy for Pearson to use this letter in support of its work with government and its agencies, to ensure that this qualification can continue to be recognised for college performance tables and 19+ funding.

You may recall that in our letter dated the 12th September 2013 we strongly advocated an approach of peer review in order to establish a quality assurance process for these qualifications. With that in mind we would be most interested to hear the progress you have made in setting up such a system.

The statements in this letter are based on work carried out by the Royal Society of Chemistry as a professional body and do not necessarily reflect those of our individual members or committees.

Yours sincerely

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