

Statement of Purpose

600/6413/4 – Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Aviation Operations (QCF)

The UK Aviation sector contributes over £17bn annually to the economy from overseas visitors alone. Over 120,000 staff is employed by 2,000 organisations, providing a vital transportation link for individuals and trade. With roles including Flight Crews, Grounds Staff, Flight Engineers as well as Air Traffic Control, the Aviation industry offers individuals an interesting career with many progression opportunities.

The Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Aviation Operations (QCF) is part of a larger suite of aviation/travel and tourism qualifications, in a range of sizes, which share the common purpose of helping people to become occupationally ready to take up employment in the aviation/travel and tourism sector at the appropriate level. This can follow either directly after achieving the qualification, or via the stepping stone of Higher Education (HE) in university or college. By studying a Pearson BTEC National, learners develop knowledge, understanding and skills required by the sector, including essential employability skills, and apply them in real work contexts. Learners can operate at a standard that can reasonably be expected of an 18 year old in full-time education or employment.

Within this suite, the Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Aviation Operations (201 GLH) is a vocational qualification, equivalent in size to an AS level, which is designed to be taken alongside one or more substantial qualifications within a 16–19 study programme. The qualification provides learners with an element of sector specialism as part of their wider programme by developing a primary common core of knowledge in the sector through mandatory content. This common core covers the content, such as security in the aviation industry, which is regarded as most important by employers.

The qualification was designed in collaboration with industry, so has the specific support of the Sector Skills Council (SSC) for the sector, People 1st. The Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Aviation Operations (QCF) supports entry to a variety of HE courses in this sector and beyond, when taken in conjunction with other qualifications. This is confirmed by the specific support of a range of universities. In addition, the qualification carries UCAS points – see details published on the Pearson website here:

<http://www.edexcel.com/i-am-a/student/results/Pages/BTEC-equivalence.aspx>