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Dear Howard

Re: BTEC Nationals in IT at Level 3

As the Chartered Institute for IT we confirm that in our expert opinion BTEC Nationals in IT listed in Appendix 1 are fit for purpose. We feel the content supports learners' progression into further education or a career in IT. Our opinion is reinforced by the fact that BTEC Nationals in IT at level 3 are recognised by many universities as one of the eligible entry qualifications for a degree in computing or IT, where some universities accept them when applicants also hold an A-level in mathematics and others do not.

It is also our opinion that they cover many of the core competencies required in a large number of job roles, which means they support career development for those roles. Also, BTEC helps to develop employability skills, such as for example communication and self-management, which are needed in the workplace.

Yours sincerely



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Appendix 1 - BTEC Level 3 National Qualifications in IT

Qualification Accreditation Number (QAN)	Qualification Title
500/9148/7	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in IT (QCF)
500/9147/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in IT (QCF)
600/3887/1	Pearson BTEC Level 3 90-credit Diploma in IT (QCF)
500/9150/5	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in IT (QCF)
500/9149/9	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in IT (QCF)