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Dear Lisa

Letter of support for the Pearson BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Uniformed Protective Services qualifications

As a professional body in the sector, we recognise the following qualifications as being fit for purpose:

603/3061/2	<i>Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Uniformed Protective Services</i>
603/3062/4	<i>Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Uniformed Protective Services</i>
603/3063/6	<i>Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Uniformed Protective Services</i>
603/3092/2	<i>Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Uniformed Protective Services</i>

The qualifications will support learners to progress to Apprenticeships, Initial Training or employment in a range of job roles across the Uniformed Protective Services industry, allowing learners to develop a broad range of skills to meet the needs of an individual employer or sector. We anticipate that the qualifications will support learners to progress to employment or within employment in a range of job roles across the industry, for example in Protection, Prevention, Response and Professional Support. Below details some of the potential progression opportunities for learners within the fire and rescue services:

- Emergency Service Contact Handler (via the Level 3 Apprenticeship Standard)
- Community Safety Advisor **or** Business Fire Safety Advisor (via the Level 3 Apprenticeship Standard)
- Aviation Ground Specialist Fire-fighter Operator (via the Level 3 Apprenticeship Standard)
- Operational Fire-fighter (via the Level 3 Apprenticeship Standard)
- Fire & Rescue roles (via Fire and Rescue-related Degrees)
- Fire Safety Inspector (via Level 4 Apprenticeship Standard).

For such roles, we believe that these qualifications provide an appropriate level of knowledge and skills, meeting the needs of the sector and the individual. The qualification will also support progression to related further or higher 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

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