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Dear Sir/Madam

**NOTIFICATION OF A CHANGE IN THE REQUIREMENTS OF ACCREDITED NVQ STRUCTURES**

I am writing to notify you of a forthcoming change in the eligibility requirements of all NVQs containing both the Assessor units, A1 and A2. This change is being made by QCA across all Awarding Bodies, at the request of the Standard Setting Body. It is felt that there is too much overlap between the A1 and A2 units.

From 1 March 2005, all candidates registering on the Edexcel NVQs, detailed below, may only use a maximum of one of the Assessor units, A1 or A2, to count towards the overall eligibility requirements of the NVQ.

The Edexcel NVQs affected are:

- Q5000031 - Edexcel Level 3 NVQ in Learning and Development (10022855)
- Q5000032 - Edexcel Level 4 NVQ in Learning and Development (10022879)
- Q5000033 - Edexcel Level 4 NVQ in Registered Manager (Adults) (10024384)
- Q5000135 - Edexcel Level 4 NVQ for Managers in Residential Childcare (10044048)

Candidates registered before 1 March 2005, may continue on the existing accredited structures and use both Assessor units to count towards overall eligibility. We have been asked by QCA to encourage you to apply the choice of either A1 or A2, where possible, for candidates who were registered since autumn 2004.

All centres currently approved for any of the above NVQs will receive, at the end of February 2005, a letter including revised programme definitions to reflect the change in eligibility requirements. The above qualification codes will not change, but all candidates registered after 1 March 2005 will automatically be registered on the revised structure.

The certification end date for all candidates will remain the same.

Please can you ensure a copy of this letter is passed to your relevant Course Co-ordinators, to ensure that candidates who have completed or are undertaking both A1 and A2 currently can be registered before the changeover, which takes place on 1 March 2005.

If you have any queries regarding this letter, please contact our Customer Services on 0870 240 9800.

Yours sincerely

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