

Our Ref: TPH/102007/1E
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Dear Colleague

RE: BTEC Award in Transporting Passengers by Taxi and Private Hire

I am pleased to inform you that the above qualification has been re-accredited. The qualification has been fully updated to reflect the new National Occupational Standards developed by GoSkills and provides full underpinning knowledge coverage of the Level 2 NVQ in Road Passenger Vehicle Driving (Taxi and Private Hire). A final draft version is available now on the website via the following link:

<http://www.edexcel.org.uk/quals/sc/passtrspt/2-oct07/tptph/>

Your centre has been given automatic approval to run the course with the new specification. You will be sent information regarding the new examination before 1st December 2007. Your programme approval will be showing through Edexcel Online shortly. Registrations should be made on Edexcel Online or by Edexcel EDI. If you are unfamiliar with this process please refer to the Edexcel Information Manual or contact us on 0870 240 9800.

Please note that the multiple choice tests for the new specification will be delivered through a new IT system. You will be required to install some software to enable this system to work. Full guidance on the installation procedure will be provided. To begin the installation process, please complete the Onscreen Testing Application and Technical Requirements Form (encl.) and fax it back to us on the number indicated on the form.

Due to the above changes, candidates will unfortunately not be able to take the multiple choice test for the new specification before 1st December 2007. If you have candidates which will need to sit the test prior to this date, please ensure you register them by Exam Manager on the old specification **before its expiry date of the 31st October 2007**. Please ensure that all course tutors at your centre are aware of this information.

Should you have any queries concerning the above, please do not hesitate to contact the Product Development Leader in the first instance at lucy.stewart@edexcel.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R Beard".

Roger Beard
Head of Product Development

Onscreen Testing Application and Technical Requirements Form

Please complete both sections of this form and return to Edexcel by fax on 020 7190 5657. The **Application** section on page one must be signed by the **Exams Officer** in your centre, and the **Technical Requirements** section on page two must be signed by the IT Technician.

Application

Your centre details

Centre number:

Centre name:

Administrator details

Contact Name:

Position:

(installation and guidance documents will be sent to this address)

Email:

Signature:

Date:

When is the most convenient month for your centre to install the software?

(You will receive an email in the month specified below)

Please indicate the qualifications you are interested in offering Onscreen :

Please indicate the date and year you intend to test candidates:

Estimated number of candidates:

Technical Requirements

Please complete and fax this form back to the Onscreen Testing Team on 020 7190 5657 to confirm that your centre meets the Onscreen Testing Technical Requirements.

Operating Systems

ESM and Administrator have been tested and are supported on the following operating systems:

- Windows XP
- Windows 2000 Professional
- Windows 2003 Server
- Windows 2000 Server

Enterprise SiteManager (downloads the tests) and Administrator software (for candidate testing)

ESM and Administrator has been designed to run on the following minimum specification:

- ESM is a Web Server service and will conflict if another Web Server Service is running on the same PC/ Server
- Adobe Acrobat® Reader 8.0 www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html
- Microsoft Internet Explorer® 6.0 and above
- Flash Player® 8 and above
- Pentium III PC with 900 MHZ processor
- 1GB or more disk space available for Testing Network use (if the PC is to be used as the file server, otherwise a networked file share is required)
- 512 MB RAM
- 10/100 Mbps network interface adapter
- Minimum 56K connection to a reliable ISP (Internet Service Provider)
- Printer for printing score reports
- Access to TCP traffic on port 80 (HTTP) and 443 (HTTPS) - standard Internet ports. If you are using an ISA Server or any other kind of Proxy, you must configure it to allow www.catglobal.com (IP Address: 159.182.112.210) through

To test 10 or more candidates at the same time a Windows Server Edition is required. A windows Professional Edition will only support up to a maximum of 10 machines connecting to it at once.

Additional requirements for Administrator software

- The Administrator application requires Local Admin rights for installation
- 10Mb or more disk space available for the testing system (Program Files)
- Microsoft or compatible mouse
- Video adapter capable of displaying at least 16 million colours (24-bit colour) and 1024 x 768 pixels
- 15" or larger monitor* capable of displaying 16 million colours (24-bit colour) and 1024 x 768 pixels
- Display font size set to Small Fonts (Normal Size 96dpi) before prior to testing
- Where laptop is used screen display size should be 12" or greater and able to display 1024x768 pixels

IT Technician details

If you already have this software installed please provide us with your Promissor Test Id:

Contact Name:

Position:

(installation and guidance documents will be sent to this address)

Email:

Signature:

Date: