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Dear Colleague

Edexcel Levels 1 and 2 NVQs in Hairdressing

HABIA, the standards setting body for the Hair and Beauty Industry have made changes to the structure and content of the Level 1 and Level 2 NVQs in Hairdressing. The subsequent amendments to the Edexcel qualifications have now been accredited by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA), for immediate implementation. The revised structures are enclosed.

Edexcel Level 1 NVQ in Hairdressing

- G2: Assist with salon reception duties - has changed status from a mandatory to an optional unit
- H37: Assist with colouring services - is a new mandatory unit has that has been added
- The three perming units have been revised and reissued as in the structure enclosed

Due to the significant changes in structure, the Q number used to register learners on this NVQ has changed from Q5000088 to Q5000304. If your centre was approved to offer the previous version of the Level 1 structure, you will now have automatic approval to offer the revised structure and may now register candidates using Q5000304. Any learners following the replaced structure must be registered with us using Q5000088 by 30 June 2007.

Candidates registered on the existing qualification may be transferred onto the new qualification provided that the evidence that they have achieved meets the performance criteria and knowledge requirements of the new NVQ unit. If the revised unit requires completion of a multiple choice test, candidates will need to complete this test as part of their evidence.

The Qualification Accreditation Number (QAN) has also changed from 100/3238/1 to 500/1823/1.

Edexcel Level 2 NVQ in Hairdressing

The following mandatory perming units have changed their status to optional units. Candidates are no longer required to complete one of these units.

Optional Units

- H12 Perm and neutralise hair using basic techniques
- H15 Perm, relax and neutralise hair
- H16 Perm, relax and neutralise African Caribbean hair

Please note: candidates wishing to undertake perming may still only include one perming



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optional unit in their NVQ.

The Q number for this NVQ remains unchanged, Q5000089. However, all candidates registered with us from 1st June 2007 on this NVQ will automatically be aligned with the revised structure.

Candidates registered on the existing qualification may be transferred onto the new qualification provided that the evidence that they have achieved meets the performance criteria and knowledge requirements of the new NVQ unit. If the revised unit requires completion of a multiple choice test, candidates will need to complete this test as part of their evidence.

I enclose the new qualification structures for your information. Additionally, we have now produced a CD ROM of the examination papers for Hairdressing and I am pleased to enclose this for your use.

Please contact customer services on 0870 240 9800, or email hairandbeauty@edexcel.org.uk if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

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