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To whom it may concern;

Qualifications in Construction

Colchester Institute is the major provider of further education and training for North Essex and adjoining areas. At Colchester Institute we aim to provide students of all ages with the knowledge, skills and experience to equip them for life. We work in partnership with employers locally, nationally and internationally to ensure our courses are matched to today's standards and the needs of tomorrow. Our construction courses are delivered by tutors with extensive knowledge of the construction industry and their professional expertise is valued by our students. There are excellent facilities, with training areas designed to simulate the working environment.

As a leading provider of skills and training for the Construction Sector, we can confirm the following qualifications provide opportunities for learners to the gain skills and knowledge required to progress into further learning in Construction trades. They also provide entry into work for some of our learners.

Construction and Maintenance Operations

According to the Construction Skills Certification Scheme, there are as many as 500,000 general construction operatives working in the UK, and there are hundreds of thousands of businesses and workers in the UK that support the repair and maintenance of public, office and domestic buildings. Due to the intermittent nature of work in construction, this workforce needs constant supply of new skills. To enable this, we fully support the following qualification being included for funding:

- 60080541 Level 2 Certificate In Construction Operations General Construction 6709-22
- 60080498 Level 2 Diploma In Maintenance Operations (Construction) 6711-23

These qualifications provide the skills and knowledge to gain an understanding of the Construction industry and provide a progression route through learning to become an operative working in general construction operations and in maintenance operations. In order to prove competency, learners may also progress on to the following NVQ qualifications:

 60078509 Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Construction Operations and Civil Engineering Services - Construction Operations (Construction) - Modular Paving Pavement Construction

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- 60078509 Level 2 NVQ Diploma in in Construction Operations and Civil Engineering Services - Construction Operations (Construction) - Laying Kerbs and Channels
- 60078509 Level 2 NVQ Diploma in in Construction Operations and Civil Engineering Services - Construction Operations (Construction) - General Building Operations
- 60078509 Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Construction Operations and Civil Engineering Services - Construction Operations (Construction) - Drainage Construction
- 60078509 Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Construction Operations and Civil Engineering Services - Construction Operations (Construction) - Structural Concreting
- 60078509 Level 2 NVQ Diploma in in Construction Operations and Civil Engineering Services - Construction Operations (Construction) - Non-structural Concreting
- 60078509 Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Construction Operations and Civil Engineering Services Construction Operations (Construction) General Construction
- 60078509 Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Construction Operations and Civil Engineering Services - Construction Operations (Construction) - Excavation and Reinstatement
- 60124684 Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Building Maintenance Multi-trade Repair and Refurbishment Operations (Construction)

Many learners also progress to higher level qualifications in site supervision and management, and a significant number also found the small and micro businesses that dominate employment in the construction industry.

We can confirm that we consent to our company name and logo being made publicly available on City & Guilds website.

Yours sincerely

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