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Dear Susie

We are writing to provide our support for the City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Equine Management (1080).

We are a busy equestrian centre, we have our own pony club centre, we offer all of the usual activities and one of our most popular elements are the diploma courses that have helped people into work, assisted many to work with horses and have given a lot of people the opportunity to meet new people get fit and have fun with horses. We employ 13 people on a permanent basis and prefer to employ staff with the diploma qualifications and train them all to gain level 1, 2 or 3.

We feel that the following qualification is suitable for people between the ages of 16-19 studying in full time education. The skills and knowledge covered by this qualification provide a really sound basis for a young person applying for a job.

The qualification provides real depth and breadth and provides a really wide range of skills that could enable progression into the following jobs:

- Yard office manager
- Yard manager
- Stud supervisor
- Event manager
- Work rider
- Trainee coach
- Travelling groom

The qualification has been developed with the needs of the industry/sector in mind and therefore the following skills and knowledge have been included:

Safe working practices around horses, work experience, stable management skills, routine and non-routine husbandry and care, feeding and nutrition, stud work, managing equine events/shows, fitting and using a wide range of tack and equipment, riding and exercising horses on the flat and

over fences, lungeing and long-reigning for exercise and training, teaching and coaching skills, working with young horses, and advanced grooming skills including plaiting, clipping and presentation.

We confirm that we are happy for this letter to be available on the City & Guilds website.

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Yours sincerely

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