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Dear Mrs Whitehorn,

Re: Support for VTCT Qualifications for the 2017 Performance Tables

The British Barbering Association (BBA) is a professional body that was set up in 2010 and currently has 7,500 registered barbers, assessors, educators and barbershop owners. The BBA has become the UK's authority on barbering and is actively looking to raise the standards across the industry including education by;

- supporting the Hairdressing Council's move for statutory registration for barbers
- working on the 2014 National Occupation Standards for barbering
- consulting on the barbering trailblazer apprenticeship standards
- working with VTCT on current and future qualification development.

Having worked closely with VTCT in developing and reviewing these qualifications, we are confident that the qualifications listed below are fit for purpose and will provide young learners with the requisite knowledge and skills for employment in the barbering industry.

The BBA is committed to working towards one common graded qualification for the industry but in the interim colleges should continue to select the qualification that best meets their learners' needs. We are very pleased by your decision to submit both NVQs and VRQs enabling outstanding colleges with excellent facilities, resources and commercial salons to support the delivery and assessment of such qualifications.

We believe on completion of a VTCT qualification that learners will be very well placed when seeking employment as a:

- Junior barber (Level 2 qualifications)
- Senior barber (Level 3 qualifications)

Please accept this letter as recognition that the BBA recognises and supports the qualifications being included under the relevant category of performance tables:

Level 2 Substantial Vocational Qualifications

- VTCT Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Barbering (QCF) – 500/7356/4
- VTCT Level 2 Diploma in Barbering (QCF) - 500/9040/9

- VTCT Level 2 Diploma in Barbering Studies (QCF) - 600/8707/9

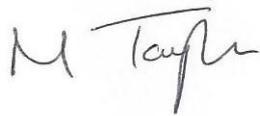
Level 3 Technical Level Qualifications

- VTCT Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Hairdressing (QCF) - 500/7389/8
- VTCT Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Barbering (QCF) - 500/7386/2
- VTCT Level 3 Diploma in Barbering (QCF) - 600/1484/2

I consent for this letter along with the BBA name and logo to be made publicly available on the DfE and VTCT websites.

Yours sincerely,

Mike Taylor

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'M' and 'T'.