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Dear Mrs Whitehorn,

Re: Support for VTCT Qualifications for the 2017 Performance Tables

The Hairdressing Council (HC) is the UK's longest standing professional hairdressing body and was set up in 1964 by an Act of Parliament. This Act means that hairdressers can apply to become State Registered, on a voluntary basis. The HC currently has 7,500 registered hairdressers and barbers and is actively working towards statutory registration as one of its commitments to raising the standards of the industry.

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 hairdressing and barbering industries.

We are particularly excited by your decision to submit NVQs since we feel that many colleges are well placed, with outstanding commercial salons to support the delivery and assessment of such qualifications. As you are aware, we are committed to working towards one common graded qualification each for hairdressing and barbering, but for the interim colleges should continue to select the qualification that best meets their learners' needs and aligns with their facilities and resources.

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

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

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

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Level 2 Substantial Vocational Qualifications

- VTCT Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Hairdressing (QCF) - 500/7357/6
- VTCT Level 2 Diploma in Women's Hairdressing (QCF) - 500/8976/6
- VTCT Level 2 Diploma in Hairdressing Studies (QCF) - 600/8706/7
- 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
- VTCT Level 2 Diploma in Women's and Men's Hairdressing (QCF) - 600/1065/4

Level 3 Technical Level Qualifications

- VTCT Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Hairdressing (QCF) - 500/7389/8
- VTCT Level 3 Diploma in Women's Hairdressing (QCF) - 600/1482/9
- 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 HC name and logo to be made publicly available on the DfE and VTCT websites.

Yours sincerely



Sally Styles
Registrar/CEO
The Hairdressing Council