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Dear Ms. Fagan

## Re: Support for VTCT's new 'skills' qualifications at Entry Level 3 and Level 1

I am writing to support VTCT's new 'skills' qualifications at Entry Level 3 and Level 1. These qualifications are long overdue for our sector and will primarily serve an invaluable purpose in helping learners to operate independently and effectively in life, learning and work, and in parallel will provide a sound opportunity for the disengaged to re-engage with learning through the exciting subjects of hairdressing and beauty therapy. The qualifications are as follows:

### 1) VTCT Entry Level 3 Extended Award in Hair and Beauty Skills (VRQ) (601/5781/1)

This Entry Level qualification is unique in that it requires learners to develop a range of basic hair and beauty skills by working on themselves to improve their health and hygiene, and appearance and personal presentation, all of which are all so important to operating independently and effectively in life, learning and work. For example, learners will learn how to care for their own nails, skin, hands and feet as well as carry out personal care and hygiene routines. There is also the option for learners to undertake a communication skills unit should they feel confident enough to do so which will further provide them with the necessary skills for daily living.

Learners who achieve this qualification will be equipped with an array of basic skills to better operate independently and effectively in life, learning and work.

This smaller qualification also provides a sound opportunity for disengaged learners to re-engage with learning through the exciting and enthuse context of hairdressing and beauty therapy.

We are planning to run this along with other VTCT 'skills' qualifications from September 2015.

### 2) VTCT Entry Level 3 Extended Certificate in Hair and Beauty Skills (VRQ) (601/5783/5)

This Entry Level qualification is unique in that it requires learners to develop a range of basic hair and beauty skills by working on themselves to improve their health and hygiene, and appearance and personal presentation, all of which are all so important to operating independently and effectively in life, learning and work. For example, learners will learn how to care for their own nails, skin, hands and feet as well as carry out personal care and hygiene routines. There is also the option for learners to undertake a



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Learners who achieve this qualification will be equipped with an array of basic skills to better operate independently and effectively in life, learning and work.

We are planning to run this along with other VTCT 'skills' qualifications from September 2015.

### **3) VTCT Level 1 Extended Award in Hair and Beauty Skills (VRQ) (601/5787/2)**

This Level 1 qualification includes a broad range of hairdressing and beauty therapy units that will provide learners with a sound and rounded profile for progression to hairdressing and beauty therapy qualifications at Level 2.

Learners will develop their knowledge and skills through working on blocks, and family and friends which will provide a sound foundation for learners to progress to Level 2 qualifications, that will involve working with real clients.

This qualification will satisfy our entry requirements for progression onto the VTCT Level 2 Certificate/Extended Certificate/Diploma in Hair and Beauty Skills (VRQ) which we are planning to run from September 2015.


### **4) VTCT Level 1 Extended Certificate in Hair and Beauty Skills (VRQ) (601/5788/4)**

This Level 1 qualification includes a broad range of hairdressing and beauty therapy units that will provide learners with a sound and rounded profile for progression to hairdressing and beauty therapy qualifications at Level 2.

Learners will develop their knowledge and skills through working on blocks, and family and friends which will provide a sound foundation for learners to progress to Level 2 qualifications, that will involve working with real clients.

This qualification will satisfy our entry requirements for progression onto the VTCT Level 2 Certificate/Extended Certificate/Diploma in Hair and Beauty Skills (VRQ) which we are planning to run from September 2015.

Yours sincerely



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