

## **OCCUPATIONAL STUDIES**

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Dear Principal, Director, Manager

### **STRUCTURE OF OCCUPATIONAL STUDIES FOR ALL NEW LEARNERS FROM SEPTEMBER 2009**

Further to the recent correspondence sent by CCEA Regulatory and the Department of Education, this letter is to give centres more information on the detail of the changes that are being introduced to the structure of Occupational Studies qualifications.

The revised structure will apply to all new learners commencing Occupational Studies from September 2009. For those learners who commenced Occupational Studies on or before September 2008 the final awards for the existing (legacy) specifications will be in June 2010.

#### Overview of the main changes for first teaching from September 2009:

- Units will be grouped into occupational areas, and delivered as Single Award qualifications;
- Learners can study for Single Award qualifications;
- Each Single Award will represent an applied course and will be on the Approved Qualifications List for the Entitlement Framework;
- The Double Award will be withdrawn.

Occupational Groupings:

Each Single Award will comprise two units from one of the occupational areas listed below:

| <b>Creative &amp; Technological</b> | <b>Construction</b>  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Digital Technology                  | Bench Skills (carpentry, plumbing & tiling)                  |
| Design                              | Wet Trades (brickwork, painting and decorating & plastering) |
| Media                               |  |
| Hairdressing & Beauty               |  |

| <b>Business &amp; Services</b> | <b>Engineering &amp; Land Based</b> |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Office Administration          | Agriculture                         |
| Retail                         | Horticulture                        |
| Care                           | Engineering                         |
| Sport, Leisure and Travel      | Vehicle Studies                     |
| Hospitality                    |                                     |

CCEA will be holding information and support meetings later this year, and early next year, to give all centres full details of the new qualifications structure.

In the meantime, if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact David Flynn on:

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Yours faithfully



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