

**To: School Principals, College Directors, and Training Organisation Managers**

**Attn: Examination Officers  
Occupational Studies Co-ordinators  
Curriculum Managers**

**Re: Occupational Studies Developments**

Dear Principal/Director/Manager

This letter is to alert you to changes that are being introduced to the structure of Occupational Studies qualifications. The changes are in response to consultation with providers and other stakeholders, and in the light of the requirements for the Entitlement Framework. The revised structure will be introduced for first teaching from September 2009 and CCEA (Awarding Body) colleagues will be providing the opportunity to find out the details of the revised structure.

The main changes are:

- Units grouped in related areas, and delivered as (single) award qualifications;
- The Double Award will be withdrawn; pupils can continue to study four units within two (single) award qualifications; and
- Each qualification will represent an applied course and will be added to the Approved Qualifications List held on the Entitlement Framework Online Audit website.

CCEA (Regulation) and the Department of Education believe that the changes will make for a more coherent and meaningful qualification offer within the Occupational Studies portfolio.

For further information and advice on these changes contact David Crosbie on 02890261200 ext 2261 or email [dcrosbie@ccea.org.uk](mailto:dcrosbie@ccea.org.uk) .

Yours faithfully



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