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

For circulation to: Examination Officers
Occupational Studies Co-ordinators
Curriculum Managers

Occupational Studies Developments

This letter is to alert you to changes that are being introduced to the structure of Occupational Studies from September 2010. The changes reflect the outcomes of the recent consultation held with stakeholders and in the light of the requirements for the Entitlement Framework.

The main changes are:

- units grouped in six related areas and delivered as Single Award endorsed qualifications, for example Occupational Studies (Construction);
- the Double Award will be withdrawn, pupils can continue to study four units within two Single Award qualifications; and
- each of the six endorsed qualifications will represent an applied course and will be added to the Approved Qualifications List held on the Entitlement Framework online audit website.

CCEA (Awarding Body) colleagues will be providing you with further detail of the revised structure during February.

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

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