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To whom it may concern;

**Qualifications in Construction**

Colchester Institute is the major provider of further education and training for North Essex and adjoining areas. At Colchester Institute we aim to provide students of all ages with the knowledge, skills and experience to equip them for life. We work in partnership with employers locally, nationally and internationally to ensure our courses are matched to today’s standards and the needs of tomorrow. Our construction courses are delivered by tutors with extensive knowledge of the construction industry and their professional expertise is valued by our students. There are excellent facilities, with training areas designed to simulate the working environment.

As a leading provider of skills and training for the Construction Sector, we can confirm that we use the following qualifications provide opportunities for learners to the gain skills and knowledge required to progress into further learning in Construction trades. They also provide entry into work for some of our learners.

**Bricklaying Qualifications**

HM Government estimates there are as many as 90,000 bricklayers and masons in the UK. Due to the intermittent nature of work in construction, this workforce needs constant supply of new skills. To enable this, we fully support the following qualifications being included for funding:

- 60080528 Level 1 Diploma in Bricklaying (6705-13)
- 60079137 Level 2 Diploma In Bricklaying (6705-23)
- 6009509X Level 2 Extended Diploma In Bricklaying (6705-50)
- 60080838 Level 3 Diploma In Bricklaying (6705-33)

These qualifications provide the skills and knowledge to gain an understanding of the Construction industry and provide a progression route through learning to become a specialist tradesman working in bricklaying. In order to prove competency, learners may also progress on to the following NVQ qualifications:

- 60078571 Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Trowel Occupations (Construction)
- 60078583 Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Trowel Occupations (Construction)
Many learners also progress to higher level qualifications in site supervision and management, and a significant number also found the small and micro businesses that dominate employment in the construction industry.

We can confirm that we consent to our company name and logo being made publicly available on City & Guilds website.

Yours sincerely

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