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Dear Mark Whitehouse

CompTIA is the voice of the world's information technology (IT) industry. As a non-profit trade association, we advance the global interests of IT professionals and IT channel organisations and enable them to be more successful with industry-leading IT certifications and IT business credentials, IT education, resources and the ability to connect with like-minded, leading IT industry experts. We have an active, vibrant membership community here in the UK and work across multiple initiatives to support the skills development of the IT workforce.

We support the submission of this qualification, as City and Guilds continue to include industry recognised certification within their qualifications to support the needs of learners seeking employment in the IT sector. The six pathways within the qualification are relevant and significant to the sector:

- City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical extended Diploma in Digital Technologies (720)

Pathways:

- systems infrastructure
- application development
- web development and social media
- cyber security
- business analysis
- telecoms/unified communications

The qualification has been developed with the needs of the industry/sector in mind and therefore before advancing onto one of 6 pathways the learner would be expected to achieve all the mandatory subject areas such as:-

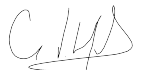
- Project management
- Information security
- Networking fundamentals
- Digital business communication
- Software development fundamentals
- Collection and analysis of data
- Enterprise technologies

We feel that once the learner has gained this qualification which covers the skills and knowledge needed for the Digital Industry they could take a position as a:

- Trainee Network Engineer
- Trainee Software Developer
- Trainee Web Developer
- Trainee Cyber Security Co-ordinator
- Trainee Business Analyst
- Trainee Telecoms Engineer

We confirm that we consent to our company name (and logo) being made publicly available on the DfE and City & Guilds websites.

Yours sincerely



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