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Dear Rob

Following the notification from IMI Awards regarding the SFA removal of funding for qualifications for 19+ learners outside an Apprenticeship (in England only), this letter is to provide employer and professional support for the appeal by IMI Awards to gain funding for the following qualifications.

These Level 1 qualifications are designed to be engaging and motivating. They provide individuals with the foundation in the specialist knowledge and skills required by the automotive sector, and also enable them to gain an insight into the working environment.

The qualifications support the needs of employers within the industry as they provide learners (many who are re-engaging with learning or have never achieved a qualification before) with the opportunity to gain the required core knowledge from which they can progress to further related qualifications, apprenticeships and jobs; therefore creating the basis of high quality, skilled work force.

Therefore in our view, there is a definite need for these qualifications to be funded, including for those individuals aged 19+ years who require a qualification to progress and in the future, secure a job role.

Qualification Accreditation Number(QAN) <i>do not include backslashes</i>	Title	Reason and summary as to why the qualification should be included in funding
60025839	Level 1 Diploma in Automotive Body Repair	iv. Removing public funding for the qualification will have an adverse impact on a particular group of learners or employers, and there is no publicly-funded alternative.
60025840	Level 1 Diploma in Automotive Refinishing	iv. Removing public funding for the qualification will have an adverse impact on a particular group of learners or employers, and there is no publicly-funded alternative.
60027691	Level 1 Certificate in Light Vehicle Maintenance	iv. Removing public funding for the qualification will have an adverse impact on a particular group of learners or employers, and there is no publicly-funded alternative.
60028063	Level 1 Diploma in Light Vehicle Maintenance	iv. Removing public funding for the qualification will have an adverse impact on a particular group of learners or employers, and there is no publicly-funded alternative.

If you require any further information to support an appeal, please feel free to contact us.

Yours sincerely


Mike Hawes
Chief Executive

