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To whom it may concern

Ref ITEC Level 2 Diploma in Barbering 500/9532/8

I represent the National Hairdressers' Federation (NHF) which is the UK's largest employer led trade association, representing hairdressing, barbering and beauty salon owners.

We are pleased to provide this letter of recognition for the ITEC Level 2 Diploma in Barbering 500/9532/8 as we believe this qualification is fit for purpose in terms of progression to employment. The qualification is valued as it is listed on the Ofqual Register of Qualifications and also covers all of the core skills and underpinning knowledge required at Level 2 in the barbering industry. This qualification enables access to professional indemnity insurance to cover barbers whilst working on their clients.

As such this qualification enables graduates to undertake the following specific skills in the workplace:

- Shampooing and conditioning
- Cutting hair
- Cutting facial hair
- Styling and finishing

The skills outlined above enable graduates to undertake the following job roles in employment:

- Barber
- Men's hairdresser

Employment may be gained in a variety of settings:

- Hair salons
- Barber shops
- Freelance/self-employed

This qualification offers further progression for graduates if they wish to go on to become senior barbers specialising in advanced cutting and styling techniques, treatments for different hair types for example European and Afro-Caribbean hair, shaving and facial massage and Competition work, as they can undertake the ITEC Level 3 Certificate in Barbering (QCF) QAN 500/9530/4 or the ITEC Level 3 Diploma in Men's Hairdressing (QCF) QAN 601/0152/0.

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These qualifications would not be possible without the underpinning knowledge and skills developed at Level 2.

I would like to confirm that I authorise ITEC to use our organisational name and brand, in association with the support for the ITEC Level 2 Diploma in Barbering 500/9532/8, in its marketing and on its public website.

Should you have any questions regarding my support of this qualification please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Hilary Hall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'H' and 'H'.

Hilary Hall
Chief Executive