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To: The Principals of Post-primary and Special Schools, Directors of Further and Higher Education Colleges, and Training Organisations

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Withdrawal of CCEA Essential Skills Qualifications

Further to the previous circular S/IF/01/18, CCEA has now withdrawn its provision of the following Essential Skills qualifications:

- Application of Number (Levels 1 and 2)
- Communication (Levels 1 and 2)
- ICT (Levels 1 and 2)
- Literacy (Entry Levels 1, 2 and 3)
- Numeracy (Entry Levels 1, 2 and 3)

From January 2019 onwards Assessments for the above qualifications are no longer available.

The open market for Essential Skills qualifications is healthy and now has 3 alternative qualification providers. These are OCN, Pearson and City & Guilds.

CCEA Regulation will continue to remain the regulator of Essential Skills qualifications in Northern Ireland.

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