



## **ABBE RESPONSE TO OFQUAL POST RECOGNITION MONITORING REPORT SEPTEMBER 2010**

The phasing in of the QCF has meant a significant programme of work and a steep learning curve for all parties involved in this process. In addition, most of the wider vocational world has experienced significant upheaval in the last 12-18 months, impacting directly on the work of Awarding Organisations. ABBE is working to ensure that by the end of 2010 all of our qualifications are successfully transferred on to the QCF from the outgoing NQF, using brand new Ofqual qualification submission software that is being introduced from the end of October. Alongside this programme of work, we have had to continue to ensure that any new developments are explored and assessed for potential. Despite this array of changes, we are pleased that Ofqual recognises that ABBE has taken the QCF and its implications on board, is keen to explore its potential to the full and has the expertise to do so.

ABBE was granted approval to place units and rules of combination on to the QCF in the period leading up to the end of 2009, having formalised the processes that would enable it to create fit for purpose qualifications in the QCF. However since then the vast majority of the units and RoCs ABBE has used have been created by the SSCs it works with, therefore ABBE has had little need or opportunity to create its own units from scratch and use the unit and RoC sign off process identified by Ofqual. In the main, this has led to the non compliances identified in the Recognition Monitoring Report. However should ABBE develop any units or RoC of its own in the future it would be a straightforward process to confirm that we can demonstrate adherence to these criteria. We will also continue to ensure that the knowledge base of the ABBE team, consultants and stakeholders continues to be developed.

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