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Dear Headteacher

ABC AWARDS REDUCES COSTS AND BUREAUCRACY

ABC Awards is one of the largest vocational awarding bodies in the United Kingdom with an established reputation for quality and customer service.

Sensitive to the needs of schools we are removing all charges for Centre Approval and Scheme (i.e. Qualification) Approval for schools. Gone too are lengthy and time-consuming application processes, as approval to offer ABC qualifications will be given automatically in most cases*. All we require is the completion of a simple registration document, which you can view on the ABC Awards web site www.abcawards.co.uk

In addition, we have frozen our charges and there will be no increase in fees for the academic year 2006-2007.

If your school is approved to run qualifications by another awarding body in any of the QCA sectors it will be approved to run ABC Awards' qualifications in that sector (subject to any specific resources, human or physical that may be a requirement of the assessment).

Consequently, the entire ABC portfolio could now be freely available to your school, leaving you to choose from nearly 300 qualifications on the NQF, many of which are listed on Section 96. Each of our qualifications is unit based, enabling you to select ABC qualifications and units to best meet your pupils' needs.

If you would like to discuss these arrangements in detail simply contact your nearest ABC office, where one of our Business Development Managers will be available to provide further information and support.

Alternatively, email our central marketing address marketing@abcawards.co.uk and your enquiry will be forwarded appropriately.

We look forward to working with you.

Yours faithfully

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Executive Director, ABC Awards

*Where an organisation is seeking approval to offer qualifications or units in a new sector, an approval application and charge will be required.