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Dear Mr Chase

## **Freedom of Information Act request 1204**

### **1. Your Freedom of Information Act request 1204**

I refer to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the Act"), received by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority ("QCA") on 1 August 2008. Ofqual is the new regulator of qualifications, exams and tests in England and has taken over the regulatory responsibilities previously undertaken by the Regulation and Standards Division of QCA. Ofqual is an operationally independent part of the QCA.

You requested the following information:

*"How many learners were awarded the Level 2 National Certificate for Personal Licence Holders (NCPLH), across all three Awarding Bodies that offer it, in respect of the First Quarter of 2007?"*

This letter deals with the Ofqual's response to the information you have requested.

### **2. Ofqual's response**

Under the Act, Ofqual has two duties to individuals requesting information: firstly to confirm whether or not it holds the information requested and secondly to provide a copy of that information. Ofqual must comply with both of these duties, unless one of the exemptions contained within the Act applies.

Unfortunately Ofqual does not hold the information you have requested. Only the four awarding bodies the currently offer the qualification will have the data you have requested. The four relevant awarding bodies are:

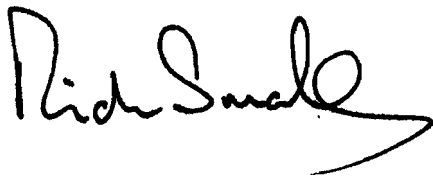
- NCFE - who can be contacted at [info@ncfe.org.uk](mailto:info@ncfe.org.uk)
- BIIAB – who can be contacted at [awards@bii.org](mailto:awards@bii.org)
- GQUAL – who can be contacted at [info@btda.org.uk](mailto:info@btda.org.uk)
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### 3. Further queries

Should you have any questions relating to this response to your request please contact us by writing to the Information and Investigations Team, Ofqual, Spring Place, Herald Avenue, Coventry CV5 6UB or by email to [susan.george@ofqual.gov.uk](mailto:susan.george@ofqual.gov.uk). If you are unhappy in anyway with the way in which your request has been handled, Ofqual has an internal complaints procedure through which you can raise any concerns you might have. Further details of this procedure can be obtained by contacting QCA Legal, QCA, 83 Piccadilly, London W1J 8QA.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the complaints procedure, you can apply to the Information Commissioner, who will consider whether Ofqual has complied with its obligations under the Act, and can require Ofqual to remedy any problems. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Act in general, on the Information Commissioner's website at: [www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk). Complaints to the Information Commissioner should be sent to: FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely



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