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To: SQA Co-ordinator

For the attention of staff responsible for SVQ Accounting

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Dear Colleague

SVQs in Accounting

Level 2

As advised in our letter of March 2008 I would remind you that the agreement with the Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT) for joint certification of the SVQ at level 2 comes to an end on 1 September 2008. **Please note:** for any candidates registered before 1 September 2008 who did not take or pass the AAT external examination in June 2008 — arrangements have been agreed to ensure they are invited to sit the exam in December.

As from 1 September centres can register candidates on the SQA only SVQ Accounting level 2. The group award code for this SVQ remains as G7CE 22. The entry charge has been reduced and brought in line with normal SQA fee levels for SVQs, details of which are sent to all SQA centres in April/May each year.

A bank of four SQA devised assessments is being written to meet the independent assessment element of the SVQ — the first of these will be available to centres via the secure area of SQA's website by the end of August. The independent assessment, which can be undertaken by candidates at a time convenient to themselves and their centres, will be internally-assessed and be subject to the normal SQA external verification process.

Level 3

SQA has recently been accredited to award the SVQ Accounting level 3. The group award and units are currently being coded. A bank of SQA devised independent assessments is being written to support this SVQ and will be available to centres via the secure area of SQA's website. As with level 2, these will be internally-assessed and be subject to the normal SQA external verification process. Centres should seek approval to offer this SVQ via their centre's approval procedures. The 2008/2009 entry charge for this level 3 SVQ is £53.00.

I hope this information is helpful, however, should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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