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To whom it may concern

Formed in 1989, the CRA is committed to promoting and developing the practice of concrete repair and allied disciplines as well as advancing education, technical training and health & safety matters in this specialist construction sector.

Member companies include specialist contractors, product manufacturers and product distributors established in the field of concrete repair, as well as associated organisations, such as testing laboratories.

Each full specialist contractor and product manufacturer member must be able to demonstrate a proven track record and overall proven ability. They are also obliged to be Q.A. Accredited to ISO 9000: 2001 and BS EN 14001 (Environmental Standard) to conform to the Association's Codes of Practice and Training requirements.

By setting such self-regulating standards and procedures, engineers, authorities, clients and other specifiers are able to select from established professional organisations for concrete repair projects.

The activities covered by the qualification would include spraying concrete, concrete drilling, concrete sawing or a combination of all of these.

Without the qualification the Operative cannot prove their Competence and so gain the relevant CSCS card. The training in these areas would provide a new entrant the skills required to meet the needs of the industry.

We believe the qualification is relevant as without a competent workforce, which can prove their competence by obtaining the relevant CSCS card, how can projects progress within the realms of health and safety which the CSCS card strives to ensure ?

Without the qualification employers would be unable to prove the competence of their workforce and also unable to provide a career pathway for their employees. By maintaining a competent and qualified workforce the Employer can win contracts and in doing so support the regeneration of the country. This will also allow for a greater incentive for current and prospective employees.

Achievement of an NVQ can also allow workers to gain a Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) card, which provides proof that individuals working on construction sites have the required training and qualifications for the type of work they carry out.

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These qualifications enhance the following skills in that employees will be able to demonstrate they can carry out their work activities in a safe manner while complying with Health and Safety regulations and site procedures. Furthermore they will develop competence in how to move, handle and store resources in the workplace, as well as developing the knowledge and skills to work competently in a variety of roles in general construction operations on a construction site

Qualification Title	Job role(s) supported
601/1937/8 Construction Operations and Civil Engineering Services - Construction Operations (Construction) (QCF)	General Labourer, Maintenance Operative, Grounds Maintenance Operative, Building Labourer, Grounds Work Operative, Multi-trade Operative

We consent to this letter being made publicly available on SQA's website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lauren Fairley', written in a cursive style.

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