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To Whom It May Concern:

International Education Research Foundation (IERF) is proud to be celebrating its 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. The Foundation was established as a not-for-profit, public-benefit agency and is the oldest credentials evaluation service not only in the U.S., but also in the world. Our office conducts research on international education and prepares credentials evaluations for persons who have studied outside of the United States and need a statement of educational equivalency. Since 1969 IERF has processed over 500,000 evaluations for colleges and universities, state licensing boards, US government agencies, attorneys and individuals.

In particular, IERF has conducted thousands of evaluations on educational credentials from the United Kingdom. Our evaluators have also presented on and contributed to publications on the educational system in the UK. These activities include extensive research on and coverage of qualifications from Pearson Education, the largest awarding body in the UK, encompassing Edexcel, BTEC and LCCI qualifications.

Based on the above, our office recommends advanced standing and undergraduate-level credit for the following qualifications:

- General Certificate of Education at Advanced Level (GCE A-levels and International A-Levels): approximately 6-8 semester credits per subject
- BTEC National Certificates (NC) and National Diplomas (ND): up to 30 semester credits, where applicable
- BTEC Higher National Certificates (HNC) and Higher National Diplomas (HND): up to 60 semester credits, where applicable

Should you be interested in obtaining copies of previous IERF presentations on these qualifications, please do not hesitate to contact our office at [support@ierf.org](mailto:support@ierf.org).

Sincerely,

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