

LCCI Centre Update

Welcome to the LCCI Centre Update. All recent developments and latest news will be included in this newsletter, which we hope you will find helpful and informative.

LCCI 2008 medallions

The basis on which LCCI awards Medallions has changed with effect from the Series 2 2008 examinations.

From Series 2 2008 onwards, Medallions are being issued on an annual basis rather than a Series basis. Winning a Medallion will become an even more prestigious achievement. It will mean that the winners will have recorded amongst the highest scores of the year across the world.

Level 2 and Level 3 students scoring the highest marks in the world for examinations with 1000 or more entries taken in the 2008 calendar year will be issued with a World Gold Medallion; the second-highest with a World Silver Medallion.

Level 2 and Level 3 students scoring the highest marks in their country for examinations with 300 or more entries taken in the 2008 calendar year will be issued with a Country Gold Medallion; the second-highest with a Country Silver Medallion.

All Preliminary and Level 1 students scoring 100% in the calendar year 2008 will be issued with an LCCI Certificate of Excellence.

Notification of Medallion and Certificate of Excellence winners will be communicated to centres every year at the beginning of April. Winners' names will be published on the LCCI website on 6 April 2009, and we encourage you to commend their achievements by directing your students to the LCCI website during this time.

New accreditations

EDI CertTEFL

We are pleased to announce that the EDI Certificate for Teaching English as a Foreign Language (CertTEFL), which was launched in December 2008, has now been accredited by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA). QCA reference: 500/5720/0.

The QCA's role is to regulate qualifications to ensure high standards are maintained. The accreditation of CertTEFL indicates that it has met the QCA's requirements of quality, rigour and standards. This means that EDI's CertTEFL shares the same accreditation status as Cambridge CELTA and Trinity CertTESOL qualifications.

The CertTEFL is a level 4 qualification designed for people who have little or no experience of teaching English as a Foreign Language (EFL) but who wish to embark on a career as EFL teachers. It is a highly practical course designed to provide candidates with the initial skills they need for teaching students with other first languages.

LCCI English for Business

We are also delighted to announce that all levels of LCCI English for Business have been accredited by the QCA as EDI ESOL International Qualifications.

LCCI English for Business Certificates will now carry a strapline as a footer indicating equivalence to the accredited ESOL international titles. For further information on LCCI English for Business please email kasiapawlak@ediplc.com.

Marketing Level 3

Finally, we can announce that accreditation has been received from the QCA for the LCCI Level 3 Certificate in Marketing. QCA reference: 500/5623/2.

The Level 3 Certificate in Marketing qualification is aimed at providing candidates with a broad strategic understanding across the full range of marketing activities. This includes a sound knowledge of current trends and changes in marketing practice, the ability to apply this understanding to real life marketing scenarios and the ability to illustrate understanding through the use of real experiences of marketing. For further information, email kevinblanch@ediplc.com.

Full details of all the above qualifications and accreditations can be found on the NDAQ website, www.accreditedqualifications.org.uk.

ICT updates

Please be advised that essential work is due to be carried out on the Internet Marking Portal in March 2009 to include revised marking schemes for the EDI ICT and the LCCI Practical ICT qualifications.

This will mean that any examinations sat by candidates prior to 1 March 2009 must be uploaded onto the Portal and marked before Friday 13 March 2009 using the existing marking scheme. Examinations sat by candidates from 1 March 2009 can only be uploaded and marked on or after Tuesday 17 March 2009 using the new marking scheme.

Please be aware that the IT Portal will not be available on 14, 15 and 16 March 2009 to allow the marking schemes to be updated. Updated Support Packs with the revised marking schemes will be available on the EDI website from Monday 16 March 2009.



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