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Title: Communication regarding the update of the National Occupational Standards (NOS) in the Childcare Sector

To: Licensed education providers

From: Head Accreditation, Licensing, Validation and Quality Assurance, MFHEA

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Dear esteemed providers,

We are pleased to inform you that new National Occupational Standards (NOS) in the Childcare Sector are available on our website. These comprise the 'Childcare Educator' (MQF Level 4) and the 'Childcare Centre Manager' (MQF Level 5), which are revisions and updates of previous NOS.

As national standards, these documents serve as the measure for quality and contemporary content. As such, all programmes that incorporate these NOS within their content would be offering an education in line with what is required of these occupations on a national scale.

If your Institution offers any accredited/authorised programmes or courses that fall within the remit of these NOS, it is highly suggested that you read these NOS and ensure that the content of the programmes matches the updated information. If the current programme or course requires an update – such as incorporating further modules or refining assessment methods – then you are kindly asked to communicate with the Accreditation Unit of the MFHEA (accreditation@mfhea.mt) for a programme update, or a similar process, as applicable.

If you are interested in offering programmes within Childcare in the future, please note that these should incorporate all the information present in the NOS documents.

With best wishes for the continued success of your Institutions,

Regards,

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