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The UK *Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual)* has agreed that the IB Career-related Certificate (IBCC) meets the General Conditions of Recognition and has accepted it as a Regulated qualification in the UK.

This is a significant development for the IBCC and will provide a platform for further recognition at university level in the region.

The IBCC appears on the Register of Regulated Qualifications <http://register.ofqual.gov.uk/> and it is also expected to appear on the Department for Education's Section 96 list which includes all qualifications which are eligible for post-16 state funding in UK state maintained schools <http://www.education.gov.uk/section96/search/search.cfm>. The central criterion for inclusion on Section 96 is that the qualification has been accredited by Ofqual in England. The qualification will appear under its full title, namely *IBO Level 3 Combined Certificate (career related)*. Please note that it takes a few weeks for qualifications to appear on Section 96. The QAN (Qualification Accreditation Number) for the IBCC is 600/3507/9.

The IBCC has met with considerable enthusiasm in the region and candidate status has increased significantly with further enquiries being handled. It is significant as well that these applications have come from a variety of countries and also a wide range of school profiles – from large international schools to small state schools.

Recognition should be given to the schools, IBSCA (IB Schools and Colleges Association) and all the other stakeholders who actively participated in the development of the IBCC, which is a unique innovation in the IB offering.

You can find full information on our website <http://www.ibo.org/ibcc/> and if you require any further help don't hesitate to contact the regional office ibaem@ibo.org.