## Subject: Withdrawal of Employability Award and Certificate Level 3

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# Withdrawal Notice: This Communication notice relates to the withdrawal of the following Employability Qualifications:

ASDAN Award in Employability Level 3 (600/8122/3)

ASDAN Certificate in Employability Level 3 (600/8062/0)

## Key Dates

Final candidate “number” registration (CANa) will be August 31st 2017

Final candidate “name” registration and certification claim (CANb) will be July 31st 2018

Final certification date will be August 31st 2018

# Background

ASDAN currently offers the Award and Certificate in Employability at Level Entry 2 to Level 3.

The primary purpose of these qualifications is to support candidates in overcoming barriers to entering work. They are primarily intended for young people and adults who are not yet ready for employment but for whom a job is a realistic aim within a reasonable timescale. It may also suit those experiencing the workplace for the first time that need to develop employability skills.

 At Level 3, the primary purpose is to prepare candidates for further learning, training or employment and to develop transferable employability skills such as communication, teamwork and problem solving,  and independent learning, self-management and research skills which will help prepare them for employment, further or higher education. At Level 3 they attract UCAS tariff points.

ASDAN has continued to monitor the take up of the qualifications throughout the evolution of the educational and political environment over the years, and despite a sizeable increase in candidate registrations in 2012-13, this then started to diminish in subsequent years. Whilst Employability at E3 to L2 has continued to do well, L3 Employability has not attracted the candidate registrations anticipated.

Therefore a decision has been made to withdraw both the Award and Certificate, at Level 3 only, on the basis of the small numbers of candidates currently being registered at this level.

**Protecting the Interests of Learners**

It is important to ASDAN, and a requirement of our Conditions of Recognition, to protect the interests of learners. Learner registrations can be purchased for a further 12 months, and moderations booked up until August 2018.

**Alternative ASDAN products**

ASDAN will continue to offer the Awards and Certificates in Employablity at Entry 2, Entry 3, Level 1 and Level 2 for the foreseeable future.

For Level 3 candidates we continue to offer the Award and Certificate of Personal Effectiveness (AoPE and CoPE) and the Wider Key Skills qualifications, all of which carry UCAS tariff points.