Briefing Note: Update to Funding Guidance for School Sixth Forms in 2006/07 and 2007/08

Version 2

19 October 2006

Revision since version 1:
Paragraph 5 was added on 24 January 2007.

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to clarify some points on guidance included in the Funding Guidance for School Sixth Forms for 2006/07 and 2007/08, published by the LSC in September 2006, and should be read in conjunction with the Guidance.

Intended Recipients

This briefing note is intended to be for the information of:
- headteachers and school colleagues, responsible for sixth forms in schools; and
- LSC area partnership teams.

Points for Clarification

1 Table g: The 2006/07 and 2007/08 national base rates for main qualifications, does not include the funding rate for the Advanced Levels (AS/A2) in Applied Subjects. This qualification will be funded at the equivalent rate as its predecessor, the AVCE.

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<td>Applied AS/A2 Levels:</td>
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<td>Three units</td>
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<td>Six units</td>
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<td>Twelve units</td>
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2 Paragraph 131 of the Guidance states that: Foundation and Intermediate GNVQs have been withdrawn in 2005/06, with only resits allowed in January.
2007. In fact, a number of Foundation and Intermediate GNVQs have an accreditation end date of 30 November 2006, meaning that they are still eligible for funding for new starters up to this date. Schools should be reminded that the Edexcel and OCR qualifications that are replacing the Foundation and Intermediate GNVQs are the preferred qualifications.

3 The telephone number on the inside front cover of the Guidance (024 7682 3914) should not be used under any circumstances. In all cases, school sixth forms should contact their appropriate LSC office. Local LSCs are advised to make sure that their school sixth forms know the contact details for their office. If LSC staff would like to consult the national office with a school sixth form funding query, then please e-mail cvh-fundingteam@lsc.gov.uk in the first instance.

4 Annex A of the Guidance sets out the area cost uplifts. The uplifts included in the annex are stated in the incorrect format: for example, the London A uplift is given to be 1.2 per cent, whereas the actual uplift is 1.2, that is 20 per cent.

5 The two paragraphs preceding the table in Annex C should be replaced with the following text:

The table below sets out the programme weighting and funding rate for those “other qualifications” most commonly taught by schools. The funding rate for each qualification is given for both 2006/07 and 2007/08 and is based on the QCA guided learning hours (GLH), also known as teacher contact time.

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