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British Accreditation Council identifies LanguageCert as a recognised awarding body for the International English Language Provider accreditation scheme

London, 20 August, 2018 – **The British Accreditation Council (BAC)** has included **LanguageCert** amongst its recognised external awarding bodies in the eligibility criteria for International English language providers seeking accreditation for the BAC International English Language provider (IELP) scheme.

LanguageCert is an Awarding Organisation dedicated to language skills assessment and certification. It is a member of PeopleCert Group, a global leader in the certification industry, that delivers millions of exams in 200 countries. Bridging English language qualifications heritage with advanced examination and assessment technologies, LanguageCert develops and administers LanguageCert International ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) exams, a suite of English language qualifications specially designed for those intending to study, work or travel around the globe.

LanguageCert International ESOL Written (Listening, Reading, Writing) and Spoken (Speaking) exams are offered at each level from A1 to C2, to cover all four language skills. The qualifications are regulated by the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual) and meet the specifications of the CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference). LanguageCert is led by a team of experts in language assessment with rich experience in the field, ensuring that the highest quality standards are consistently met.

BAC have more than 30 years' experience and expertise providing accreditation to independent further and higher educational institutions and have developed the IELP scheme to meet today's increasing global need for the delivery of high quality English language education.

The purpose of the IELP scheme is to acknowledge the quality of institutions and training providers, encompassing teaching and assessment quality, learning experience for students, supporting institutions in their efforts to continually improve, and providing a rigorous inspection-based accreditation service that is evidence based and dedicated to raising standards. Designed by trusted technical experts in the accreditation

and English language fields, the scheme sets the bar high for providers to aspire to and offers the opportunity to institutions to become part of BAC's globally recognised accreditation network.

BACs recognition of LanguageCert International ESOL qualifications further provides students with excellent learning and examinations opportunities and access to great educational experiences. It also widens the recognition of outstanding education and training providers in their field helping to raise standards in the global education market.

Marios Molfetas, Language Qualifications Director of LanguageCert, states, "We are honoured that LanguageCert is now officially listed amongst those Awarding Bodies whose qualifications meet the BAC eligibility criteria for the IELP Scheme! This inclusion proves our outstanding reputation for developing and delivering 'best in class' language skills assessment and certification programmes that enhance the lives, education and career prospects of candidates across the world".

Paul Fear, BAC CEO, comments, "The development of the IELP Scheme demonstrates our commitment to raise the quality standards of institutions who deliver English language programmes around the world. The scheme reflects best practice in international English language education and the inclusion of LanguageCert as one of the recognised awarding bodies in our eligibility criteria, sends a clear message to education providers applying for accreditation and supports the standards BAC is passionate about. Including external examination requirements delivered by credible awarding bodies within our accreditation eligibility criteria in turn reassures students, parents and partners of the high quality of their chosen English language provider".

For further information, and to request the BAC IELP scheme and brochure, contact BAC info@the-bac.org.
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About BAC

The British Accreditation Council for Independent Further and Higher Education (BAC) was established in 1984, to be the national accrediting authority for independent further and higher education in the UK. The non-publicly funded institutions currently accredited cover a diverse range of provision, from sixth-form colleges to specialist schools of art and design, recognised higher-degree providers and world-renowned centres for qualifications in the professions.

Currently BAC accredits more than 230 institutions across 22 countries and provides consultancy support to a number of national education departments.

Their reputation has grown as an internationally respected quality assurance organisation meeting the needs of providers who are committed to achieving and maintaining BAC's high-quality standards.

BAC offer globally recognised quality assurance schemes that confirm an institution has met a gold standard. This provides students and stakeholders with the reassurance that they are studying and working with a credible organisation and in turn the institution gains a competitive edge in the global education market.

About LanguageCert

LanguageCert is a UK-registered company and its English language qualifications are regulated by Ofqual, the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation in the UK, and Qualifications Wales – which support LanguageCert's quality promise. LanguageCert English language qualifications are also recognised in a growing number of countries worldwide.

LanguageCert develops its own language qualifications and partners with renowned organisations worldwide to offer high-quality language skills assessment and certification to the global learners' community. For the delivery of its own qualifications, as well as for examinations delivered in collaboration with its partners, LanguageCert deploys state-of-the-art, innovative and flexible exam administration technologies and systems developed by PeopleCert, which are tailor-made to each exam's specific requirements. It also benefits from the excellent customer service that PeopleCert offers 24/7/365 to language schools, teachers and candidates.