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ABE to launch new Business Start-up qualification to help drive small business success through entrepreneurship

New course will bring expert guidance and tuition for next generation of business owners

Awarding body and global non-profit organisation ABE is set to launch a new Level 3 qualification for people interested in starting and developing their own business. The ABE Level 3 Certificate in Business Start-up will be available from September 2016, and aims to encourage more people to start and grow their own companies.

The qualification will help ambitious young learners and current small business owners develop their entrepreneurial skills, providing tailored guidance on how to create a robust business plan and start their new business. It is designed to cover all aspects of the business start-up process, developing real-world expertise in essential disciplines including research, planning, budgeting and risk management.

On completion, students will be able to put together a viable and realistic business plan, enabling them to seek investment, launch their venture and run it competently.

Gareth Robinson, CEO of ABE, said: "At ABE, we believe that entrepreneurs are not born, they are educated. In the UK and beyond, we're seeing a new mindset where people are no longer simply thinking about employment: they are thinking beyond this, including how they can use their creativity to forge their own career path for themselves and their communities. Launching their own business venture is an effective way of achieving this.

"But working for yourself needs careful and considered planning. Many young people have all of the natural attributes required to be an entrepreneur, but fall at the first hurdle because they don't know enough about business to turn their ideas into a successful reality.

"ABE's new Level 3 programme is open to all students who have good English and maths skills, and aims to make sure those looking to become entrepreneurs have the best possible chance of being successful. It is a short but intensive programme that will take students through every aspect of starting their own business, giving them the theoretical grounding and expert guidance they need," he said.

Anyone who aspires to work for themselves is encouraged to apply for the new course. It will be available at ABE's approved centres both in the UK and abroad, and is ideal for full-time students, those already in work and current business owners looking to augment their entrepreneurial skills.

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About ABE

ABE is a not-for-profit awarding body accredited by Ofqual. Established in 1973, it has an international footprint with key markets in the UK, Africa, the Caribbean, SE Asia and China. ABE develops business and management Diploma qualifications at QCF Levels 4-7. Its qualifications provide progression routes to Bachelors degree and Masters programmes worldwide.

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