

Annex E

EBTA

The Employer Based Training Accreditation, EBTA, project is co-ordinated by Foundation Degree Forward (fdf) and is working to establish higher education accreditation for education and training provided in the workplace.

Who is involved?

The project is being led by three of the fdf regions (SW, NE and NW) and is supported by a National Advisory Group chaired by Dr John Mumford OBE, formerly Vice President of the UK region for BP.

How does it work?

Fdf works with a range of Universities, Further Education Colleges, Chambers of Commerce, UnionLearn and other employer groups to

- Help employers consider the benefits for their company from the accreditation of existing training being carried out in the workplace.
- Provide trained EBTA facilitators to carry out a preliminary analysis of the training and assigns notional credits and levels
- Arrange for a university with relevant subject expertise to advise the employer on the way the training might be accredited and an indication of costs and to undertake the accreditation
- Facilitate further progression by employees where they or the employer want to expand their skills and knowledge.

What are the benefits?

- This is a simple system.
- Funding is available to support employers participation
- Adds value to the training and its impact in the workplace
- Helps to motivate and retain staff and so save recruitment costs.

Supports staff who might never have considered taking a higher education qualification to extend their skills and horizons

See: www.fdf.ac.uk/home/information_for_employers
or www.fdf.ac.uk/files/EBTAleaflet.pdf