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**To the Management Authorities of Second Level Schools and Chief Executive Officers of Education and Training Boards**

**Revised arrangements 2013/2014 – Computer Studies Certificates**

Up to now, it has been the policy of the Department of Education and Skills to issue participation certificates for Computer Studies.

However, due to the lack of quality assurance of this course, and the availability of alternative certification from ECDL and QQI, this Department wishes to advise the management authorities of Post Primary schools that with effect from the current school year, 2013/2014, the practice of providing Computer Studies Certificates to schools for issue to their pupils is being discontinued.

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